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### Pakistan Army deeply divided

## Wreckage of Zia's plane sent secretly to US

WASHINGTON, Sept 11, (Agencies): The wreckage of the plane, which crashed last month killing Pakistani President Zia-ul-Haq, has been secretly flown to the United States, where analysts hope to trace whether the plane was downed by a bomb blast, administration officials said.

The officials, who requested anonymity, also disclosed that America's relations with Zia had soured at the time of his death because of serious policy differences.

"He was causing us a lot of problems," one administration specialist said.

Zia was the chief pillar for a US policy that used Pakistan as the entry point for rebels fighting the Soviets in occupied Afghanistan.

#### Wreckage

Zia allowed Afghan rebels to be based in his country and his government served as the conduit that funnelled US weapons to them, State Department officials said. In many instances, Zia personally supervised the operations they said.

US intelligence sources said the wreckage of the Lockheed C-130 found in sections on US military transport planes ten days ago, is being examined by Pentagon and CIA analysts and technical experts working for US defence contractors.

"Parts of the engine have been

sent back to the manufacturer, Lockheed, which makes the plane, would get parts of the fuselage," an aerospace industry source said. "It's a team effort, in other words."

A State Department spokesman declined to comment on the transfer of the wreckage, saying only that "the investigation is ongoing."

Intelligence sources said US officials are convinced the crash resulted from sabotage, possibly from a bomb concealed among 30 baskets of mangoes aboard the plane.

"His death was no accident," an administration official said.

The Washington Post, quoting sources in Pakistan, reported today that "all but one of six Pakistani and American investigating teams that visited the crash scene ... during the initial on-scene phase of the investigation have reached a 'near consensus' that a bomb blast caused the plane crash."

#### Disrupt

Pakistan, which is proud of its own intelligence capability, was reluctant to give up the wreckage of the C-130 crash, which occurred just after takeoff from Pakistan's Bahawalpur military airport on Aug 17, sources said.

A US government Middle East intelligence expert predicted that the crash "will be traced back to," the Khad, the Soviet-controlled Afghan intelligence service.

But other US intelligence officials emphasised that there still are other suspects, including dissident Pakistani military officers, members of the Shia fundamentalist movement or other civilian opponents of Zia.

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Cypriot Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo had been investigating the military thefts when the explosion occurred.

Zia soon dismissed Junejo and the civilian government, a move that even outraged some military officers. Zia responded by sending the vice-chief of staff travelling around the country to try and pacify discontented brigadier generals and colonels, US officials said.

US officials also pointed out that many of Pakistan's Army officials were dissatisfied with Pakistan's on-the-ground role in Afghanistan, where Pakistani advisers were directing rebel assaults on Soviet-held towns.

"No Army likes to go and chase bandits," a Pentagon analyst said. "Morale always hits the floor when that happens."

#### Barred

Meanwhile, the State Department initially barred FBI experts from the probe of the crash, US News and World Report said yesterday.

The magazine said the Federal Bureau of Investigation was furious over the department's action.

"Right after the crash, the State Department allowed Air Force technical advisers to help sift the wreckage but, according to FBI officials, denied permission to FBI counter-terrorism specialists, who are trained to preserve evidence," the report said.

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#### Angered

They also resolved the issue of which member-state will host the 1989 summit and take on the three-year chairmanship after a delay that angered many delegates.

Yugoslavia was chosen after formal candidates Nicaragua and Indonesia failed to win enough support.

The issue delayed the start of the final session yesterday while Belgrade considered whether it could accept without a stamp of approval from the Yugoslav delegation.

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Cypriot Foreign Minister George Jacobovici (left) embraces Yugoslav Foreign Minister Budimir Loncar at the end of the meeting of non-aligned ministers in Nicosia. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Yugoslavia to host summit

## Non-aligned states manage to avert split

NICOSIA, Sept 11, (Reuter): The Non-Aligned Movement is set on a bigger role in international affairs but seems unsure over ways of finding an effective niche on the world stage.

"We know what we want to do," said one diplomat during a foreign ministers' conference in Nicosia. "But we haven't got anywhere near agreeing on how to set about it."

At the end of the four-day meeting, the non-aligned ministers promised to help the world's "have-nots" and managed to avert a split over regional conflicts and disputes.

But several delegations criticised the voluminous reiteration of principles. To head off a crisis of confidence, the minister issued a "Nicosia declaration" saying the movement should streamline procedures and initiate change.

Among the Israeli-ruled territories.

● South Africa: The document lashed out at Pretoria's apartheid policy and its role in Namibia.

● Afghanistan: Ministers called for a comprehensive peace settlement and the return of refugees to their homes.

● Western Sahara: Ministers accepted a call for direct talks between Morocco and the Algerian-backed Polisario Front despite opposition from the Moroccan delegation.

● Kampuchea: The conference reaffirmed the role of the movement in supporting regional peace efforts.

● Disasters: The statement appealed for aid for flood victims and reconstruction in Sudan and Bangladesh.

● Hostages: Ministers appealed for the immediate release of all hostages and abducted people, wherever they were held.

● Debt: The conference urged debtor and creditor countries and banks to solve the debt crisis.

A theme running through several speeches and working papers was how the 101-member Non-Aligned Movement could rise to the challenge of super-power rapprochement.

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In the interview published yesterday in the Abu Dhabi daily Al Ittihad, Hammadi said the talks are passing through a difficult stage and accused Iran of trying to scuttle them from the start.

Among Iran's priorities at the talks is a withdrawal of troops to internationally recognised boundaries, exchange of war prisoners and a UN investigation to determine who started the war.

A long-standing dispute concerns a 1975 treaty setting the Iraq-Iraq boundary down the middle of the Shatt Al Arab waterway. Iraq has renounced the pact and claimed the entire waterway, but Iran says it still considers the treaty valid.

The waterway has been blocked by sunken ships and silt nearly since the start of the war in Sept 1980.

## Israeli leaders differ on talks with PLO

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept 11, (Agencies): Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir of the right-wing Likud bloc today called on Arab states to form a non-PLO Palestinian negotiating team for Middle East peace talks.

While Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin of the rival Labour Party said he would negotiate with any Palestinian who recognises Israel's right to exist and renounces terrorism.

The statements came as Likud and Labour were battling for voters in Israel's general elections campaign. The future of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip is expected to be the leading issue in the Nov 1 balloting.

Shamir, speaking on Israel radio, said the main obstacle to a Middle East peace settlement was "how to create an element that would represent the Palestinians."

Asked if he would be ready to talk to PLO under such conditions, Rabin said he was ready to negotiate with "those who will step forward and accept these terms."

Minister without portfolio Ezer Weizman said: "I am talking with the PLO is better than looking for moderate Palestinians."

He added: "We are ready for a dialogue and negotiations (with the PLO) — and I am speaking for the Labour Party — but at the

dealings with the PLO because all their existence, views, mood are directed at the elimination of Israel. They don't want peace with us."

"The PLO should not be mentioned and not be included," he said.

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#### Musavi seeks Majlis' support

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Sept 11, (AP): Iranian Prime Minister Hussein Musavi warned Parliament today that a vote of no-confidence in his government will cause major problems as the country embarks on the massive task of post-war reconstruction.

Musavi, addressing the 270-house before it was due to vote on his 21-man cabinet, stressed: "For the sake of the country ... we must all try to be flexible."

Tehran Radio, broadcast Musavi's speech at the start of a day-long debate on the govern-

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## INTERNATIONAL

### Dukakis accuses Bush aides of working for foreign government

BOSTON, Sept. 11, (Reuters): Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis yesterday attacked Vice-President George Bush for choosing three campaign aides who were hired by the Bahamas to defuse US criticism of its drug policies.

Continuing to escalate his battle with the vice-president, Dukakis released copies of a memo from the consulting firm run by three key aides and said his own government would not employ aides with "divided loyalties."

The aides run a Washington firm that was paid \$800,000 by the Bahamas to improve its standing in Washington — particularly with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

"In a Dukakis White House, there will be no back doors for foreign lobbyists," Dukakis told a news conference.

#### Interest

"There will be no opportunity for anyone to represent that they can lock our government on a path that will head in the direction of another government's interest," Dukakis charged in releasing a memo from the firm of Black, Manafort and Stone to the government of the Bahamas.

Charles Black, Paul Manafort and Roger Stone work as key advisers to the Republican campaign and Stone was recently named co-chairman of Bush's efforts in California.

"My staff will not have divided loyalties," the Massachusetts governor said. "In a Dukakis White House the staff will pledge allegiance to only one flag — old glory."

The Republicans have criticised Dukakis for his 1977 veto of a measure that would have required teachers to lead their students in the pledge of allegiance in comments widely regarded as an attack on



Dukakis

Dukakis's patriotism.

Dukakis told reporters that the "American people have the right to know that the back door of the White House will not be the front door for paid agents of foreign governments."

The memo says political critics "have been sowing the seeds that the government of the Bahamas is a nation for sale inviting drug cars to use the banking system, that government officials are participating in the drug trafficking."

News reports about the firm's contract with the Bahamas first surfaced three years ago, but Democrats have tried to resurrect the issue because of the stature of the firm's officials in the Bush campaign.

Although Bush was taking a day off from the campaign trail, campaign spokesman dismissed the charges as old news that has failed to show any wrongdoing.

Bush planned to announce the formation of a national security advisory task force including former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, former UN ambassador Jean Kirkpatrick, former National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft and Zbigniew Brzezinski, who was President Carter's national security adviser.

### Former British spy says he is a convinced communist

### Blake worked for Moscow from 1953

MOSCOW, Sept. 11, (Reuters): Former British double agent George Blake, often described as one of the major Soviet spies in the West, said in an interview published today he worked for Moscow for eight years in the 1950s as a convinced communist.

Miss Carlson erupted in tears as her name was announced. She laughed and cried as she took her victory walk along the runway at Convention Hall.

The first runner-up was Miss Colorado Maya Walker, 23.

Miss Carlson, 22, is a senior at the prestigious Stanford University in California, majoring in organisational behaviour. As part of her studies, she spent a semester at Oxford University in England. She plans to attend Harvard law school.

### Women ululate as Pontiff arrives in Harare

### Pope raps racial discrimination

HARARE, Sept. 11, (Reuters): Pope John Paul led 150,000 singing, swaying people in a cheerful, uniquely African mass in Harare today and called for reconciliation in Zimbabwe to end the sins of racial and tribal discrimination.

Bands played kudu horns, drums and rattles, women ululated and children in white danced and waved yellow papal flags as the Pope arrived for the mass, first of his nine-day South African tour, at a racecourse in Harare's posh northern suburbs.

The Pope was cheered as he toured the racecourse under bright sunshine in a bullet-proof popemobile made from a converted truck and then passed through the crowd on his way to an altar backed by palm fronds and decorated with yellow flowers.

The Pope said Zimbabweans "have known the horrors of hatred and violence. They hunger for justice and peace. They desire reconciliation and harmony among the tribes and races."

Earlier, in an address to Zimbabwe's bishops, the Pope paid tribute to the church's role during the guerrilla war, saying it gave refuge to the persecuted, wounded, hungry and homeless. It was now teaching the importance of reconciliation.

The Pope clearly enjoyed the African flavour of the occasion, the biggest crowd ever assembled in Zimbabwe, and smiled happily as he blessed the throng.

#### Message

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"Your own country has known only too well the pain and suffering caused by sins such as racial discrimination and

segregation, which deny the human dignity and full equality of other people simply because of the colour of their skin or because of the tribe to which they belong."

He also spoke of greed and lust for power, dishonesty and selfishness. "These are sins which work against the harmonious and full development of your nation."

On Monday the Pope will travel to Bulawayo, capital of Matabeleland, where scattered groups of rebels from the majority Ndebele tribe have recently accepted a government amnesty to end five years of attacks and killings.

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Pope John Paul II meets President Mugabe (left) of Zimbabwe at the State House in Harare. (Reuters wirephoto)

### Gemayel calls Lebanon a hijacked airliner

CAIRO, Sept. 11, (Reuters):

Lebanese President Amin Gemayel called his strife-torn country "a hijacked airliner" in remarks published today and deplored a lack of world interest in its problems.

"Lebanon is a hijacked airliner and all passengers are threatened," he said in an interview with Cairo's Al Ahram newspaper.

Gemayel said he was disappointed that the Lebanese question now received little international interest as the focus shifted to the Iran-Iraq peace talks.

Despite the US election campaign, he hoped that a dialogue involving Damascus and Washington on Lebanon would bear fruit.

It seems these contacts are still continuing and we hope they will succeed... We are looking for a normalisation of ties with Syria, which the United States is seeking," he said.

Gemayel is due to step down as President on Sept. 23 but the Lebanese Parliament has failed so far to choose a successor. Many Christian deputies boycotted the previous session to block the appointment of Syrian-backed front-runner Suleiman Franjeh.

"Unfortunately, the Lebanese are deprived of their own will. Direct foreign pressures from beyond the borders have often been translated into explosions and assassinations and the

Lebanese are scared from these interventions," Gemayel added.

He cited as reasons the presence of foreign troops from Israel, Iran, Libya, Syria and Palestinians in different parts of the country.

"How can the Lebanese start a free and easy dialogue? How can someone from the Israeli-occupied south extend a hand for other parts of the country?" he asked.

Gemayel said a solution to his country's problems needed help from other Arab countries, notably Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

Rabin has also said Israel faces a growing chance of war in the coming year at a time when a Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip is placing heavy demands on the Army.

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### Pilot borrows from passengers to pay for fuel

LONDON, Sept. 11, (Reuters):

An airline pilot had to borrow from passengers to pay for fuel to get home when officials at an Atlantic island airport refused to accept his credit card.

British Airways (BA) said the mix-up, which occurred eight days ago, involved flight from Funchal, the capital of Madeira, to London's Gatwick airport.

As planned, the plane landed at the neighbouring island of Porto Santo to fill up after the tricky take-off from Funchal airport without a full load of fuel.

The deluge this year had been predicted but not its magnitude, one official said.

Bangladesh has been flooded 26 times in the past 40 years, at least five times on a large scale, according to official records.

A UN expert said floods in the region had been exacerbated by deforestation and soil erosion in the Himalayas and by removal of natural barriers.

"It is to a large extent man-made," said Tom Ellett of the Rome-based International Fund for Agricultural Development.

The United Nations yesterday appointed the chief of its Disaster Relief Organisation (UNDRO) as co-ordinator of relief operations.

Hameed Essafi, a Bangladeshi, acknowledged expert on Bangladesh.

Gazi's Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, leader of the Islamic Resistance Movement, or Hamas, also attacked the PLO for taking credit for a nine-month-old uprising which he said was launched by Muslim groups.

Interviewed on Israeli television's Arabic-language service, Yassin said: "First, Israel has to say what it is willing to give the Palestinians, then we shall see (about negotiations). If Israel recognises Palestinian rights, there will be talk."

His statement appeared to soften previous hardline positions concerning Israel.

Israeli political observers said Yassin may have moderated his statements in speaking to the state-owned television to send a message to the Israeli leadership that he should be considered in any talks between the government and Palestinians.

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### Escapes

BERLIN, Sept. 11, (AP): Two East German men fled their communist homeland to the West, but three others were caught in separate attempts to scale heavily guarded border barriers, police said today.

Border police in Munich reported today that a 25-year-old East German student fled to the West German state of Bavaria by crossing the Czechoslovak border. No other details were released.

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# Cabinet approves funds for peace-keeping force

THE Kuwaiti government yesterday approved its financial share in the United Nations international force monitoring the ceasefire between Iran and Iraq.

In its bi-weekly session, the Kuwaiti cabinet made the decision in accordance with its continuous efforts to ensure stability and security in the Arabian Gulf region.

However, State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashid Abdul Aziz Al Rashed did not reveal the amount of the share, nor did he explain how the Kuwaiti money will be paid.

Geographically situated between Iran and Iraq which have been at war for the last eight

years, Kuwait has been active in securing an end to the bloody conflict which resulted in the death of over a million people from both countries.

### Legislation

On another issue, the cabinet yesterday approved legislation concerning reorganisation of the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development and the set up of a portfolio at Kuwait Industrial Bank for supporting the new agricultural policies.

According to Al Rashed, the cabinet, which was presided over by HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, will submit the legislation to the Amiri Diwan for final approval.

**Briefed**

The first letter was from Acting Sudanese President Idris Al Banna, the second from Iranian President Ali Khamenei and the third was from French President Francois Mitterrand.

During the meeting, members of the cabinet briefed the council on the latest developments in their fields. They also reported on high-level conferences recently attended by them or their deputies.



Bhutan's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lyonpo Dawa Tsering, centre, talks with Kuwait's State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saoud Al Osaimi, right.

## Physicians' Week begins

THE Minister of Education, Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri, opened the ninth annual Physicians' Week, which is patronised by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah.

The week was organised by the Medical Students' League at the Faculty of Medicine.

The opening ceremony was attended by the Undersecretary of Public Health, Dr Nael Al Naqib, senior officials at Kuwait University and the Faculty of Medicine, the West German Ambassador in Kuwait and a large number of university students.

### Standards

Al Nouri praised the activities of the week and went on to say that health standards affect development policies being adopted by the state in housing, social, educational and economic fields.

He also stressed the importance of physicians and students of medicine following the latest medical developments and said that the Faculty of Medicine and its students can play active roles in studying health problems in Kuwait.

The minister then opened the medical exhibition which contains medical books, bulletins and the latest medical equipment. A number of seminars will be held during the week which will focus on medical and scientific issues.



Minister of Education, Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri, during the opening of the exhibition.

## Women drivers warned against wearing veils

WOMEN should not cover their faces with veils while driving their cars. Any violation of this rule will be reported to the authorities, according to Colonel Ahmed Al Mihourfi, director of Motorways Department at the General Traffic Administration.

Discussing other department concerns, Al Mihourfi said radar is now being used to help traffic policemen apprehend speeders.

With radar equipment, 50 per cent of speeders on motorways

are apprehended, he said. He also said the department plans to import more sophisticated radar equipment.

The department is particularly concerned about teenagers who do not have driving licences and who gather after midnight to race on the motorways.

### Racing

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## Saudi Arabia braces for locust invasion

RIYADH, Sept 11, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia is bracing for its worst invasion of desert locusts in 20 years because floods and lack of cash have hampered efforts to control the pests across the Red Sea in Sudan.

Saudi officials say there is little they can do until the swarms begin crossing the sea in November.

"We are preparing for a very severe invasion," said an official from the Jeddah-based Locust Research Centre. "Swarms are expected to hit both above and below Jeddah."

"To the south of Jeddah, they could come in early November. In the north they could arrive in December, or swarms could arrive at the same time," he added.

He said the infestation is expected to be the most severe in 20-25 years.

The locust problem has already reached plague proportions in Sudan where heavy rains have helped the insects reproduce. Northern Ethiopia is also threatened with disaster from breeding locusts, a United Nations food and agriculture official said on Friday.

Swarms are expected to cross the Red Sea from Sudan as soon as immature locusts, or hoppers, mature.

Saudi officials are hopeful they can control the locusts despite the severity of the anticipated infestation. The officials said they have already made special preparations.

Earlier this year, Saudi Arabia dealt with an invasion of desert locusts in the northwest. At its peak, 19 swarms were reported in farming regions bordering Jordan. Details of damage were not released.

## Planning Institute begins training programme

By Lima Al Khalafawi

THE Arab Planning Institute began its general training programme on planning and development on Saturday.

At the opening, the institute's Director Abdulla Mohamed Ali, pointed out the role of the institute and noted its achievements. He said that the institute's general programme aims to strengthen the understanding of planning and its vital role in developing the Arab world.

### Finance

Bhutan established its first consulate in the Arab world in Kuwait in September 1983. The decision to establish a Kuwaiti diplomatic mission in Bhutan was made when HH the Amir of Kuwait met with the king of Bhutan during the Non-aligned summit conference in India in March 1983.

The Kuwaiti Fund for Economic Development is helping to finance several projects in Bhutan. Kuwait and the kingdom of Bhutan signed the first loan agreement worth KD2.7 million on March 16, 1983.

A number of other loan agreements between the two countries were signed after the first agreement was reached.

Kuwait and the kingdom of Bhutan signed an information agreement on June 14, 1987.

The agreement calls for exchanging expertise, information and training courses in addition to an exchange of visits.

Ali said trainees will be

acquainted with scientific research methods that will help them prepare studies. They will also be introduced to computers and their various applications in planning.

The programme concentrates on quantitative aspects of economic and social statistics and their importance in development plans. Trainees will also be introduced to the origin of statistics, methodologies for comparative studies and productivity charting.

The programme also includes some practical planning experiments in the form of study courses, he said.

Trainees from 14 Arab countries are participating in the programme.

The working plan also features 14 specialised short courses each of three to six weeks duration. The most important issues to be discussed are the planning and administration of marine transportation, planning industrial projects and agricultural planning.

The Director-General of the Ports General Authority, Dr Ibrahim Makki opened the marine planning programme on the same day.

The programme, which lasts until Sept 28, includes studies of financing, shipping operations, the principles of administration planning and administration of port operations. Eighteen students from different Arab countries will take part in the programme.



A crowd of more than 500 rushes forward at the start of the 'Race Against Time.' (Photo by Raad Qutneia)

## Hundreds brave storm to 'race against time'

By Jadranka Porter

HUNDREDS of enthusiasts in Kuwait yesterday joined millions of people worldwide in the "Race Against Time," a Sport Aid charity event, to raise cash for poor and needy children.

More than 500 people of different nationalities and ages ranging from 3-year-olds to people well into their 60s rushed forward at the blow of the whistle at 6.00 pm. They contributed nearly KD 1,000 to the funds collected worldwide. Donations are still welcome.

Mothers walked with their children in push-chairs while some parents had to give their small children piggy back rides soon after the start of the race. Groups of students ran, walked and cheered.

When a young girl was asked why she ran, said simply: "I am running for Africa."

Ray Jermy, co-ordinator of Kuwait's event, said he was pleased with the response. "We have distributed to participants nearly all of the 600 special num-

bers we had. It was a family event, it was for a worthy cause and it was great fun," said Jermy.

But many participants regretted that sports authorities in Kuwait did not offer their support.

"It took Messilah Beach Hotel and DHL to organise this event. I am disgusted that Kuwait's government did not find it necessary to participate. We have had a war and destruction in the Gulf and one would think that the government would be interested to support a worthy cause like this. This is for the children, for the future generations," said one participant.

### Weather

Another competitor said: "This event shows that people in the street are prepared to do something for the deprived children. It is a shame that sports authorities in Kuwait failed to offer their support."

"Compared to Dubai, Kuwait did very little," said another participant.

In fact, many participants learnt about the event by watching Dubai TV programmes in Kuwait.

A source close to the organisers said that it was individuals rather than Kuwait's government who failed to show any interest in the event.

Kuwait joined the event rather late. Organisers from Sport Aid '88 in London officially approached Kuwait, but received a less than enthusiastic response.

The cause was when embraced by Ray Jermy, the recreation manager at the Messilah Beach Hotel who had barely a week to organise the event.

It is generally believed that had Jermy not taken interest in Sport Aid '88 Kuwait would have not participated.

Organisers praised the Kuwait Television which is preparing a special programme about the race.

The 10-km race, which began at the Messilah Beach Hotel was run, or walked, simultaneously by millions of people in 128 countries across four continents.

Weather conditions in Kuwait worsened a day before the race and organisers feared that a dust

storm which continued yesterday may have put off some people from joining the race.

Meanwhile, London-based organisers said the largest sport's charity event ever mounted was set to break all records in raising money for the world's deprived children.

### Rise

Sport Aid '88 organisers yesterday afternoon said 26 million people around the world signed up to take part in the 10-kilometre "fun-run" events, but that the total number participating could rise as high as 50 million.

Organisers said hopes were high that the race would easily exceed the 24 million pounds raised in 1986 in a similar event.

Some 100,000 people assembled in Hyde Park, Central London, for the main UK charity run.

Some 100,000 people from Islamic countries took part in the event, with Dubai being among the most prominent among the Arab world participants. It was estimated that 25,000 people in Dubai ran the "Race Against Time."

Dubai's singers and musicians who performed in a Dubai TV studio were linked via satellite to London where a massive open-air rock concert was held as part of a show transmitted around the world. Some 1.5 billion people were expected to watch the broadcast.

Scores of showbiz and sports celebrities joined the race which can help save the lives of children in impoverished countries.

### Saudis to issue new passports

BEGINNING Monday, Saudi Arabia will issue new passports to Saudi citizens, according to the director-general of Saudi Arabia Passport Department, Major-General Fahed Al Shareef.

The new passport will have 48 pages, be 125 mm by 85 mm and be green in colour. It will be valid for five years.

## KUWAIT FILM FESTIVAL

## Cry, baby, cry

By Fatima Ahmed

"WHY is the woman burdened with misery and suffering?" asks Baba (Dr Shreeram Lagoo) in *Anat Teri Yehi Kahani* (Woman! This is Your Story). One may ask scriptwriter Mohanji Prasad, who also directs the film, the same question. Why indeed?

The opening title song puts a damper on the women's fate, saying that she should "serve (stealthily), forgive (unquestioningly) and obey (blindly)." Not content, the lyricist spells her doom: There is no way a woman can ever find happiness, at least not in Prasad's dismal view, as projected for three grueling hours in "*Anat*."

*Savitri* (Meenakshi Seshadri) cleans, dusts, cooks, serves, and washes, apart from bearing the step-mother's tor-

ture. Yet, she smiles. Such is the fate of the woman that Mohanji Prasad must have bought gallons of glycerine to manufacture crocodile tears by nearly all characters in the film.

Savitri's tears never dry (one reason why Meenakshi's eyes seem seductive). Viewers, though, should keep glycerine — or onions — handy if they wish to join the cry babies.

Savitri's contrived miseries follow the beaten track. Her fate is sealed; her code of conduct prescribed: she must not demand, desire, expect, feel or love anything or anyone. She must endure. Why? In Hindi films, the woman's role is defined — she is the object of ridicule, humiliation and suffering, depriving her of dignity and honour. It seems all actresses, from Meena Kumari to Rekha and Meenakshi, are destined to conform in such

Farouk Shaikh plays mamma's boy in *Biwi Ho To Aisi*.

tearjerkers.

Mohanji Prasad's tedious script flounders painfully depicting Savitri's woeful tale. One must give credit to Meenakshi for rising above the mundane and injecting vigour into a listless, cheerless role, and for making the film tolerable.

Some respite is provided by the comic duo — Gaddab Ghotala, played by Pran and Kader Khan, who kidnap the wrong child and end up reducing their ransom demand from millions to a few rupees.

"Aurat ..." is Prasad's victim, exploited ruthlessly for his benefit. At best, Prasad's film can be called "Woman, this is not your story."

*Biwi Ho To Aisi*

J.K. Bihari attempts to show two faces of Eve — the victim and the tyrant — in *Biwi Ho To Aisi*. Shalu (Rekha) lives up to the definition of a woman in Hindi filmmaker's dictionary. She is docile, obedient, caring and loving.

Mrs Bhandari (Bindu) is not. She is domineering, dominating and rules the roost.

Though exaggerated, both characters manage to entertain, provided you suspend disbelief.

The shrill, piercing voice of Mrs Bhandari resonates as she

Rekha as Shalu in *Biwi Ho To Aisi*.

commands her "secretary" (played by Asrani) to deduct the pay of hapless servants; storms off to order her husband (Kader Khan) to "behave himself" and rushes off to the office (she is a managing director) to chit chat with friends on the phone, while her husband cools his heels at home.

"My word is the law," she explodes, when the meek, henpecked husband is out of line.

When the husband listens to Saigal's songs, she advises him to "enjoy pop and rock." While the hubby continues to disobey her and rewinds the "Cham dye mustaqi ..." tape, she shrugs her shoulders and joins the ladies to discuss her son's arranged marriage.

Mrs Bhandari's son (Farouk Shaikh) is grossly out of line and marries Shalu, without his mother's consent, in the village. Tied to his mother's apron strings, and too timid to declare

his marriage (he can't even go on a picnic without her permission), he waits for his engagement, when Shalu dressed in bridal finery shows up at the palatial Bhandari home, called Swarg (Heaven).

There is not much bliss in the heavenly abode as swords are crossed by Shalu and Mrs Bhandari, battling for supremacy, each outwitting the other to come on top. The rest of the film deals with how Shalu turns the not-so-heavenly abode into a peaceful haven while Mrs Bhandari frets and fumes and throws tantrums.

Bindu as Mrs Bhandari is just right for the role and Rekha, as usual, exudes charm. Kader Khan as the henpecked husband is amusing. Farouk Shaikh is awkward and ill at ease in the undemanding role.

The above films are by courtesy of Athari Video, Main St., Farwaniya. Tel: 471-2900.

At Messilah Beach Al-Mubarakiya restaurant, open 24 hours, offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a variety of snacks.

**Open Day**

Steps Studio will hold a get-together for arts and crafts teachers on Wednesday, Sept 14, 6 to 9 pm.

An open-day will also be held on Sept 15, 9 am to 1 pm, to introduce the children's dance activities at the club. All parents and children are welcome. Tel: 574-7313 for further details.

**HOTELS**

**At the Sheraton**

Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo is closed for lunch on Fridays.

Al Hambra features Lebanese cuisine on Sunday night. The Marcus Band provide five entertainment.

Le Tarboche offers special lunch and dinner buffet featuring a selection of Arab cuisine.

The Coffee Shop offers a large variety of international cuisine including a daily special.

Experience Italian hospitality in the Riccardo restaurant with live entertainment by the Sienna Duo.

**At the Ramada**

Al Bendar coffee shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to midnight; a la carte available.

Al Gandoul Grill Garden, open 7 pm to midnight, has a selection of teas, coffees, and juices; Arguilla water pipe available; videos shown on large screen every day.

Fish and Chips shop open from 4 to 11 pm nightly. Take away counter, open daily 4 to 11 pm, offers a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks, from 4 to 11 pm daily.

**At the Continental**

The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food for dinner on Thursday and for lunch on Friday.

The Darbar offers an Indian lunch buffet daily, except Friday; a la carte for dinner.

**At the SAS**

Al Bustan features brunch for the whole family on Friday from 11.30 am to 3 pm. Enjoy your meal while Danuta and Feliks, the Duo Paradise from Poland, entertain you with a selection of melodies.

Al Bustan is featuring "Shrimps around the world," until Sept 23. On offer are shrimps in cashewnut, shrimps curry, Boston shrimp pie and "deep fried icecream."

Meenakshi Seshadri: rising above the mundane script

## INDIA'S CIRCLE

## ARTS

## Islamic Arts Museum

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

## Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jibrayil houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

## THEATRE

**KLT**

KLT will hold audition for "Two and Two Make Six," a comedy, directed by Stephen Prescott on Monday (Sept 12) and Tuesday (Sept 13) at 7 pm at the KLT, Ahmad.

## Person Unknown

Auditions for Kuwait Players first production, *Person Unknown*, a murder thriller, will take place on Sept 12, (Monday) and Sept 13 (Tuesday) from 7.30 pm at Messilah Beach Hotel. Directed by Paul Brown. The play will be performed from Nov 7 to 10. For details Tel: 561-1546.

## CINEMA

**Cine Club**

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Kuwait Cine Club will hold a weekly gathering — diwaniya — every Wednesday at 7 pm at its premises, 8 Sherif Al Radi St, Bneid Al Qar. The diwaniya is open to members, their invitees and newcomers who wish to acquaint themselves with the club's activities. Discussions at the first diwaniya will centre on weekly screenings on Wednesday nights and other topics.

## Children's Film

*Alias the Jester*, a children's film, will be shown at the British Council on Wednesday, Sept 14, 6pm and on Thursday, Sept 15, 10.30 am. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 253-3204.

## EDUCATION

**British Council**

The education adviser at the British Council, Mansouriya, will give a talk on "Bachelor Degrees in Britain" on Monday, Sept 12, and Tuesday, Sept 13, 6 pm. For further details call Danny 5728000 ext. 7437; Louella 2438800 ext. 572.

## MUSIC

**Songfest '88**

Audition for singers for the 1988 Filipino Song Festival will be held on Sept 22, Thursday, 3 pm, at Mabuhay Restaurant. For details call Danny 5728000 ext. 7437; Louella 2438800 ext. 572.

## Indian Ballet

Narthana, a dance troupe led by Mohiniyattam exponent Mrs Prameela Surendran, will stage a ballet Panchavati, and a number of Nrithaspati at its annual show, Nirthotsav, at the Indian Arts Circle, on Sept 22 at 7.00 pm. Admission will be strictly limited; for free passes, call 4337608.

## Sounds Great

Auditions will be held on Thursday, Sept 15, at 3 pm, Friday, Sept 16, at 11 am and Saturday, Sept 17, 7.30 pm, at the Universal American School, Salwa, for singers, dancers and musicians for the next Sounds Great show, to be held at the Salma cinema from Oct 19-22. For details ring Ken Winston or Adolf 5740256/7 or 5758870.

## Guitar Recital

German guitarist and composer Wolfgang Condin will give a recital at the Kuwait Hilton on Oct 19. "Hymns of Eternity," one of Condin's most significant compositions will be featured in his concert along with works by J.S. Bach and H. Villa-Lobos. Tickets are open only from the Hilton lobby.

## East meets West

The Indian Arts Circle presents "East meets West," a musical evening, by The Fams featuring Hindi, Punjabi, Malayalam, Tamil, Konkani, Bengali, Arabic and Western music. The lead vocalist will be Susan Rego. It will be held at IAC, Funaiatees, at 6.30 pm on Oct 6. Entry by passes. Tel: 2409250; 4743948 or IAC — 3904817.

## Beat Show

The Kuwait Goan Beat Show will be held on Oct 14, 3.30 pm, at the IAC, Funaiatees. The four-hour show will feature six popular groups — City Limits, 5th Dimensions, Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones, Next of Kin and Top Ranks. The show has been organised by the Kuwait Goans.

## Country Western Musical

KLT and ACT present their annual country western musical at the KLT, Ahmad. Gain night at 7.30 pm on Sept 27. Other performances at 8 pm on Sept 28 and 29. Matinee at 5 pm on Sept 30. For bookings call 572-7558; 571-2033; 562-0332.

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## SOCIAL

## Welcome Back/ Welcome to Kuwait

The Sounds Great organisation will hold a "Welcome Back/Welcome to Kuwait" dance party at the Messilah Beach Hotel on Sept 29 at 8 pm. Music by Top Ranks and the Juke Box band. Twist competition, and novelty prizes. For reservations and further details ring Ken Winston or Adolf 5740256/7 or 5758870. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome.

## Kuwait Players

poolside BBQ

The Kuwait Players poolside barbecue will be held on Sept 21 (Wednesday) from 8 pm at the Messilah Beach Hotel. All prospective members and newcomers to Kuwait are welcome. Tickets — KD2 per person. For reservations Tel: 394-1572.

## D'Assisi Association

The D'Assisi Association will hold the 8th annual thanksgiving mass on Oct 7, 8 am, at the Holy Family Cathedral. All ex-students are welcome. For details phone Augustin — 574-6754 after 6 pm or Henry — 3291909 (am).

## Varca Sporting Centre

Varca Sporting Centre will hold their third annual social evening at the Tent, SAS hotel, on Sept 22 at 8.00 pm. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Stepping Stones. Highlights include beauty queen contest, fancy dress parade, games, bingo and other surprises. For reservations and details, contact Maqbool 4712900; Albert 2410461, or James 5331940.

## Goan Fiesta '88

The Goan Fiesta '88 will be held on Thursday, Oct 13, to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Young Goans Association. It will take place at the Messilah Beach Hotel's Habiba ballroom. Music by the Stepping Stones and Hurricane Alley. For details Tel: 4813740.

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## EDITORIALS

## ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

**BOOKS** are good enough in their own way, but they are a mighty bloodless substitute for life — Robert Louis Stevenson, English author (1850—1894).

## OPINION

## Iraq adopting a wise policy

THE words of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein during his meeting with Arab information ministers, truly reflects his keen memory and determination to reward those who stood with his country during the war.

The President affirmed that Iraq in its reconstruction efforts will not forget those who stood by Iraq and did not fear the sound of mortars — whether they be governments, establishments or individuals in the Gulf and Arab peninsula and some other parts of the world. The Iraqi President said: "We will never forget our friends."

Iraq, which emerged victorious after eight years of war, is now entering another eight years of reconstruction. Iraq is no longer a country with small diplomatic weight, nor is it seeking to shape its economic or political system. Under the present leadership, Iraq is a country with strong political clout.

During the past few years, the Iraqi President has called upon the private sector to whole-heartedly join the state in getting the wheels of the reconstruction vehicle into high gear and frankly admitted that the state cannot launch this programme alone.

The state's primary role, he said, is to protect the sovereignty of Iraq and create rules for the preservation of order and good relations between people.

In closing the chapter of this crazy war, Iraq opens another — the file of full-fledged maturity. The events of the past 20 years have provided Iraq with a newly developed shape and ability.

With this new capability and sense of direction of Iraq, we will find many opportunities for those who lived and died with Iraq its sweet and bitter days during the years of war.

The opportunities for the reconstruction of Iraq will not be open to the US or other countries which believed that by threatening to boycott Iraq they could frighten the country or affect its development plans after the destructive war.

It is heart-warming that the Iraqi leadership announced that Iraq will not forget those who stood by it in its dark hours, nor will it stand against those who chose a different path.

This amply demonstrates that Iraq is above hate and the Iraqi leadership is adopting a wise policy.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

## Libya seeks to build Arab unity

By Philip Shehadi

RAS JDAYR, Libya, (Reuters): Beside the highway is a heap of rubble, all that remains of a once formidable Libyan customs and passport post at this border crossing with Tunisia.

Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi ordered the post destroyed in a dramatic illustration of his passion for Arab unity. A loose economic and cultural grouping of North African states will, he hopes, be the first step.

A year ago, the border posts were a no man's land. But since Tripoli and Tunis re-established diplomatic ties last December, hundreds of cars and trucks pass the frontier daily.

Leaving Libya, there is a picture of Khaddafi and a sign that reads: "The great Jamahiriya (state of the masses) bids you farewell to another part of the great Arab nation."

Entering Libya, there is a green map of the Arab world and a similar sign of welcome. Incredibly, there are no Libyan officials in sight.

**Sell**

Khaddafi, returning from a meeting last May with Tunisian President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali, is said to have passed the Libyan border stations and told his aides: "Blow them up."

Vendors now sell soft drinks and cigarettes next to piles of rubble. Long lines of cars queue for cheap Libyan petrol but not for Libyan entry or exit stamps. There is no one to issue them.

In fact, nothing stops non-Arabs who need visas for Libya from entering the Jamahiriya without them at Ras Jdayr — although they are strictly required at Tripoli Airport.

**Ties**

Tunisia and Libya broke diplomatic ties in 1985 after Libya expelled thousands of Tunisian workers in a bid to save hard currency. Libya accused Tunisia of complicity in a 1986 US air raid on Tripoli and Benghazi; while Tunisia said Libya was harbouring dissidents trying to overthrow the government.

The coming to power of Ben Ali last November smoothed the way to a rapprochement. The two countries agreed to settle dis-

putes over the rights of Tunisian workers in Libya and to explore a host of joint ventures in the fields of agriculture, oil and water.

The two leaders met on a Libyan cruise ship in the Mediterranean last week and agreed jointly to explore for oil in once-disputed waters on the continental shelf.

The fence-mending with Tunisia is part of a broader Libyan diplomatic offensive to repair links with neighbours and break the isolation suffered after the US raid.

"For the first time in years Libya has been making friends with, instead of confronting, its neighbours," a Western diplomat in Tripoli said.

**War**

A long and bloody war with southern neighbour Chad ended last year and Khaddafi announced last week that only identity cards would now be needed for Algerians and Libyans to visit each other's countries.

Tunisia still requires passports at the border but not visas and a joint identity card is under discussion.

Only the border with Egypt remains shut — a bid by Khaddafi to open it earlier this year met rejection from a suspicious President Hosni Mubarak, still the target of Libyan invective for the 1979 Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

At Ras Jdayr, relatively smart Libyan cars with green licence plates — the colour of Khaddafi's 1969 socialist revolution — queue up on the Tunisian side carrying families of tourists.

Tunisian pick-up trucks bound for Libya are packed with grapes, tomatoes and consumer goods for sale. Since the border opened, some 30,000 Tunisians have crossed into oil-rich Libya to work in hotels, farms and restaurants, Tunisian officials said.

**Restrictions**

The border opening has been a breath of fresh air to many Libyans, subject to travel and currency restrictions since a fall in world oil prices plunged their country into recession.

Khaddafi has unsuccessfully sought mergers in the past with Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco and Egypt.

## Camp David is unique for its high-stakes drama

By Jim Anderson

WASHINGTON, (UPI): The leaders of the United States, Egypt and Israel gathered at Camp David on Sept. 6, 1978, in the brilliant sunshine of a perfect autumn in western Maryland to pray and work for peace.

Thirteen days later, they emerged against the background of thunder and lightning storm to announce the groundwork for an Egyptian-Israeli peace settlement. That would include an Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai, a peace treaty between the two countries and a framework leading to Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

It was an unforgettable moment of triumph, raising the Carter presidency to its pinnacle.

But lurking in the shadows were a series of unresolved issues,

## Unforgettable moment of triumph

including the one that caused the Palestinian negotiations to fall apart before they ever really began: the future of the Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank.

Camp David is unique for its high-stakes drama. It is also particularly interesting as an exercise in historical reconstruction since five of the major participants, and numerous lesser players, have written their insider accounts of those 13 days secluded in the rustic compound.

**Versions**

Reading the separate versions of the handling of the crucial issue of the settlements at Camp David is a little like seeing the Japanese Samurai film "Rashomon," in which the same

crime recounted by different people becomes different events.

The settlements problem had been left until the last night of the summit because Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin simply refused to discuss it earlier or to permit any of the other Israelis to talk about it.

In his memoirs, former Secretary of State Cyrus Vance says the marathon final meeting ended early Sunday morning when "Begin finally said he was willing to give to Carter a separate letter stating Israel would establish no new settlements until the autonomy negotiations were completed."

That period was expected to be five years.

On that basis, Vance says in his

book, the Americans agreed to drop the settlements issue from the basic Camp David agreement and to handle it in a side letter.

But the late Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, who also attended that final, disagreement in his memoirs with Vance, says that the Israeli letter was not received by the Americans until Monday morning, after the victorious White House ceremony Sunday night.

This is more than a quibble over the recollection of a few hours. If the Israelis are right, they served fair warning before the ceremony that they were hanging tough on a central issue.

If the Americans' recollection is right, the Israelis were guilty of deception in giving the impression they had surrendered on the issue and then renegeing after the

public celebration when it was clearly too late to call back the victory announcement.

Harold Saunders, the man who drafted the American version of the letter, says that Dayan and the Israelis are wrong. Since Saunders' duties included drafting and collecting the side letters, it was a matter of considerable importance to him.

He says the Israelis did not give any hint of their new position until Monday, when Israeli ambassador Simcha Dinitz came to him and said, "There's a problem with the settlement letter."

Dayan is now dead. But Meir Rosenne, another Israeli official who was present, insisted that the Israeli position was known to the American delegation at Camp David 5 1/2 hours before the signing ceremony at the White House.

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I'M TALKING ABOUT THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN

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## US presidential campaign turns dirty

By Arthur Spiegelman

NEW YORK, (Reuters): The 1988 presidential campaign has turned into a gloves-off, mud-slinging affair with Democrat Michael Dukakis as the main target and apparently powerless to do anything about it.

While Republicans delight in George Bush's new-found toughness, Dukakis is fuming as he fumbles to counter doubts raised about his patriotism, integrity and capacity to be president.

"The American people can smell the garbage," Dukakis said on Friday as he accused Bush and the Republicans of resorting to the ugly smear tactics of Joseph McCarthy, the right-wing senator who led a drive against alleged communists in government and elsewhere in the 1950s.

**Control**

"Republicans cheered as Joseph McCarthy slandered good Democrats as communists and those Republican tactics haven't changed ... they're now attacking my patriotism... he said.

Dukakis' new-found fierceness seemed to mark a tactical switch for a man known for tight control of his emotions.

In one campaign appearance after another, Bush has attacked Dukakis as an inexperienced liberal governor "coming out of nowhere," so soft on defence, crime and economics that he might endanger the United States.

Bush has seized on a decision by Dukakis 11 years ago to veto a bill that would have made Massachusetts teachers lead their students in pledges of allegiances to the US flag.

Like many Democrats he is outraged at what he regards as a

campaign of distortion and rumour-mongering.

Bob Beckel, Walter Mondale's campaign manager in the 1984 election, said: "This campaign takes the gold medal for nastiness. I predicted a nasty campaign and I was right. You just don't find campaigns that heat up to this level so early."

One reason for the heat is that Bush entered the campaign with many voters thinking poorly of him. By attacking Dukakis early and often, Bush has focused attention on the Massachusetts governor's perceived shortcomings.

The negative attacks appear to be working.

Bush, the man many said was too weak, too bumbling and even too nice to be president, is ahead in opinion polls and Dukakis is on the defensive, his own campaign stalled.

**Outraged**

Bush is not the only Republican raising doubts about Dukakis.

Republican Senator Steven Symms referred to an unsubstantiated rumour that Dukakis' wife Kitty once burned a US flag at a Vietnam war protest rally and President Reagan responded to a question about Dukakis' mental health by saying he did not want to pick on an invalid. Reagan later apologized.

"This is not what politics is all about and it is ugly and demeaning to us all, but that is the optimist in me speaking."

He added: "Dukakis just can't pull this kind of nastiness off. But then again I thought the same thing about Bush. Maybe if you look deep enough inside yourself, you can find the nastiness within."

Normally in a presidential campaign it is the vice-presidential running mate who leads the attack but Bush seems to have no alternative.

His choice for running mate, Senator Dan Quayle, is too busy answering press attacks on his background and abilities to take aim at Dukakis.

"This is the dirtiest campaign since 1952 when Richard Nixon attacked the integrity of the Democrats but I have some faint hope that there will be a boomerang effect," said Michael Kinsley, who writes for the moderate liberal magazine New Republic.

"When Samuel Johnson said

"patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel" he could have been talking about George Bush and his cohorts this year," Dukakis aide Larry Rasky said.

Like many Democrats he is outraged at what he regards as a

Confused

A US State Department official in Washington denies criticisms that US regional diplomacy has become "unclear" or "confused" in recent months.

"Basically, our policy goals remain the same," the official says. "Our first need is to get the Soviets out, but we expect them to meet their deadline (February 1989). This is a prerequisite for other points in our policy ... the return of refugees, the return of Afghanistan's independent status, and self-determination of its people."

A US official in Pakistan acknowledges that: "We're smart enough to know that we're too dumb to try and influence events in Afghanistan." As the Soviets, and British before them have learned, too much meddling can only invite disaster, US

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1571 — France's King Charles IX and Huguenot leader Admiral Coligny are reconciled; Turkish fleet attacks shipping in Adriatic Sea, and John of Austria assembles fleet to oppose them.

1683 — John III of Poland and Charles of Lorraine raise Turkish siege of Vienna.

1771 — French force enters bay of Rio de Janeiro.

1772 — Russia takes Baku and Derbent on Caspian Sea from Persia.

1801 — Alexander I of Russia announces annexation of Georgia in Russia.

1848 — Switzerland adopts new constitution as a federal union with strong central government.

1890 — British South Africa Company founds Salisbury in Rhodesia.

1919 — Gabriel D'Annunzio leads unofficial Italian Army to seize Fiume.

1944 — First US troops reach German soil in World War II.

1964 — Dissident Army officers try unsuccessfully to overthrow government of South Vietnam.

1970 — Palestine commandos blow up three hijacked airliners in Jordan.

1976 — Chinese leaders gather in Peking for funeral of Mao Tse-Tung.

1986 — Israeli fighter-bombers strafe suspected Palestinian commando coastal base near south Lebanon's port of Sidon.

1987 — Communist rebels battle troops in fierce fighting near Manila.

## Serbian defiance triggers explosive crisis in Yugoslavia

By Ivan Stefanovic

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, (AP): The Communist Party chief of Yugoslavia's biggest republic has publicly defied the national party leadership, raising the prospect of a new political crisis in Yugoslavia, perhaps the biggest of the postwar years.

In a Tuesday speech, Serbian chief Slobodan Milosevic openly rejected a call from the federal Communist Party presidium to put an end to increasingly boisterous nationalistic rallies in his province.

In the rallies, hundreds of thousands of Serbian and Montenegrin demonstrators claimed their fellow Slavs were suffering mounting harassment and intimidation from ethnic Albanians in southern Kosovo province, where 90 percent of the population is of Albanian descent. Such demonstrations in Kosovo had been banned by the federal presidium.

Two rallies took place in Montenegro, one of them in Titograd, the

involving 30,000 people.

Jajce officials immediately rejected the plan, but the Serbian leader's supporters said they would go ahead with "a solidarity meeting" in Jajce on Sept. 17.

It's not in the mind

# Migraine: taken seriously at last

By Lidia Wasowicz

**SAN FRANCISCO.** (UPI) — No longer derided as neurotic hypochondriacs, headache sufferers are coming out of the closet. With them are emerging new theories and treatments that may lessen the pain for sufferers.

New scientific data on the agonizing "throbbing," "burning" or "bursting" in the skull, behind the eyes or on the side of the head are prompting doctors to focus on therapies that go beyond a painkiller prescription, which may actually worsen the condition.

Increasingly, physicians are even recommending steps toward headache prevention with doses of such drugs as those commonly used for heart problems, depression and arthritis.

With evidence pointing to biological causes rooted in the complex chemistry of the brain, headaches are finally beginning to be perceived as a genuine disease.

"Medical science historically believes that which we don't understand is psychological. We used to think of epileptics as crazy people," said Dr. Joel Saper, director of the Michigan Headache and Neurological Institute, the first such centre in the United States.

"Now, we have reached somewhat of a revolutionary time in headache research. We are going through an evolution of knowledge and are rethinking our entire attitude toward headache, which is beginning to be seen as a serious illness."

**Control**

Doctors now can control constant headaches and/or their accompanying constellation of symptoms in up to 90 per cent of patients, but there still is no cure for the chronic disease, said Saper.

The search for a cure is hampered by difficulties inherent in attempts to study brain function and an ailment as subjective as pain, which cannot be measured like, say, blood pressure.

"If we suspect liver problems, we draw blood and run a series of tests," Saper said. "But if something goes awry with a neurotransmitter (a chemical in the brain), we have no good test to determine exactly what the matter is."

In addition, there is no "animal model" like the mice used in cancer research, for studying the physiologic mechanisms underlying headaches.

Although the exact cause of chronic headaches remains a mystery, studies have disclosed the importance of heredity. Nearly 88 per cent of migraine sufferers share the disorder with at least one member of their family.

Saper said a person's sex also plays a role. In children ages 9 to 12, boys and girls have an equal number of headaches, but 12 years later — between ages 21 and 24 — women comprise 80 per cent of the victims.

"We now know estrogen has a direct impact on certain brain centres and blood vessels and

that hormonal milestones such as menstruation pregnancy, use of oral contraceptives, menopause all have direct influence on migraine headaches in women who are genetically predisposed to get them," Saper said.

More than a dozen triggers of chronic headaches have been identified, including stress, alcohol, such foods as bacon, chicken livers, Chinese food, chocolate, herring, aged cheese, coffee or tea which contain headache-inducing chemicals, environmental pollutants, smoking, head infections and injuries, and even sleeping late on weekends.

Researchers have found migraines can set off a variety of symptoms, including weakness, numbness, difficulty in speaking, visual abnormalities, blood pressure elevation or decrease, changes in the balance of body fluids, pain in the abdomen, arms or legs, dizziness and thinking disturbances.

"We have uncovered new

and important neurotransmitters and how they work together to turn on or off pain signals," Saper said.

"One important new piece of information is that many of the people who suffer an occasional migraine during their youth will develop daily headaches later in life. Migraine appears to go through an evolution in many people and can become a progressive disease that worsens over time."

Until recently, researchers divided chronic headaches into specific categories with different treatments: tension headaches, named for muscle contractions in response to stress, and migraine or vascular headache, presumed to be triggered by changes in blood flow but recent studies indicate most patients share both aspects of headache.

**Important**

Although blood vessels and muscles are still considered important, they are no longer seen as the original cause of pain. Instead, changes or disturbances in brain signals may be the main culprits.

Saper and some other researchers believe an excess or deficiency of brain chemicals — including norepinephrine, serotonin, prostaglandins and endorphins — play a part.

"These brain disturbances appear to link up with physiological changes outside the brain in the blood vessels and nerve networks to create circuitry that we think is the process by which migraine occurs," Saper said.

The multiple triggers and uncertain underlying causes can make treatment decisions difficult. The solution may be as simple as taking the patient off alcohol or cigarettes, changing his diet or starting relaxation exercises.

For the harder cases, drugs remain the major weapon.

Saper warns against taking any pain reliever more than twice a week.

"We know now too much



## Hormones link to migraine

By Jill Sherman

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women who suffer migraine attacks in the first two days of their periods. Already in France women are given percutaneous oestradiol, and oestrogen gel that can be absorbed through the skin.

However migraine experts say that many other factors could trigger off an attack.

"While a drop in oestrogen could trigger an attack at the onset of menstruation this will often come with another trigger such as lack of food, stress, alcohol consumption". Dr Joseph Blau, a consultant neurologist at the National Hospital, central London, said.

The research, undertaken by Dr Frank Clifford Rose, from the Princess Margaret Migraine Clinic at Charing Cross Hospital, central London, shows that female sex hormones can influence migraine attacks.

The researchers are said to have found that a premenstrual fall in oestrogen levels can initiate migraines. The administration of oestrogen can delay attacks.

The study could lead to a breakthrough in treatment for

menstrual migraines.

Dr Blau said it was very difficult to distinguish menstrual migraine from other types of migraine. "Some migraine attacks in women are hormone related. In some it is a triggering mechanism, but this is not always the case."

**Treatment: abstention.**

9. **Infectious disease induced:** viral, bacterial, AIDS, septicemia. Treatments depend on cause.

10. **Induced by metabolic disorders:** such as hypoglycemia (low blood sugar), high altitude.

11. **Referred headaches:** symptomatic pain "referred" from other parts of the body. The cause must be located and treated.

12. **Neuralgias:** pain in the nerves, which may be precipitated by the cold. Responds well to treatment with tegetrol.

13. **Non-classifiable:** all the rest of the vague twinges that most of us experience.

"We know now too much



In the London laboratory of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Dr John Kenshead uses the magnets that draw out harmful cancer cells.

The antibody therapy is also moving to clinical trial as a treatment for tumours growing in the thin membrane covering the brain and spinal cord, and to deal with the cancer cells that are released and float in the fluid that surrounds it. The researchers plan to exploit the idea further with a new pilot study on children who have leukaemia.

This appears to be another promising area as the form of cancer involved nearly always concerns the fluid surrounding the brain and spinal cord. Again the new therapy will be used only after the normal radiotherapy and drugs have failed to arrest the disease.

John Kenshead, head of the

ICRF oncology laboratory at the Institute of Child Health commented: "As with all possible new approaches to cancer treatment, there was great initial excitement about monoclonal antibodies, but our current experience tell us we cannot use them to deal with large, solid tumours.

## Protein key to thrombosis

RESEARCH by four doctors from the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service in Edinburgh and Scotland's Aberdeen University has led to the isolation of a protein believed to play a significant role in the development of thrombosis.

The investigation, which was funded by the British Heart Foundation and the Scottish Home and Health Department, suggests that a high plasma concentration of the protein PAI-1, which is found in platelets and plasma as well as cells lining the blood vessels, may increase the risk of thrombosis. An anticoagulant prepared from cell-cultured PAI-1 is to be used to find out if this is so.

The British Heart Foundation has now provided a further \$30,000 backing for the work and this will be used to investigate the role played by the protein in regulating the process by which clots are removed from the circulation.

blood levels of cholesterol and triglyceride, both of which play a role in the narrowing of arteries. Others suggest that the fish oil changes the clotting rate in the blood, which helps prevent blockages.

Fox said he and his collaborator, Paul E. DiCorleto, have found still another way in which fish oil may fight heart disease.

In test tube experiments, Fox said his team has found that the fish oil reduces by 50 to 85 per cent the production of the platelet-derived growth factor.

Reducing this protein, Fox said, suppresses the growth of smooth muscle cells in arteries and thus, helps stem the blood-vessel narrowing that can lead to a heart attack.

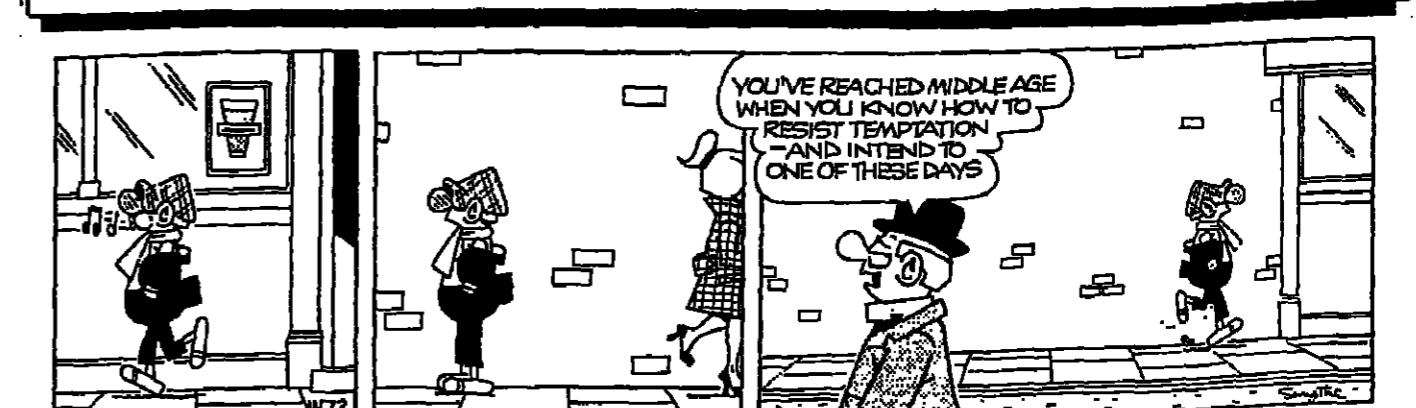
But Fox said the finding does not mean that people should start taking fish-oil pills as a heart attack preventative. More study needs to be done before there is proof that such dietary supplements can be effective, he said.

Several studies, including research among Greenland eskimos and fishermen in Japan and Holland, have shown that a diet rich in fish may be responsible for the low incidence of heart disease among those groups. Researchers previously have suggested that the reason fish diets are beneficial is that the flesh of cold water fish, such as cod, halibut and tuna, contains an oil that is rich in a particular type of fatty acid.

The oil from cold water fish is more fluid than oil from beef, and is less likely to produce the solid molecules that can clog arteries, said Fox. Fish living in deep, cold water, he said, are thought to have developed this oil in their bodies to help them function in the chill depths where they live.

By Smith

## ANDY CAPP



## FAMILY DOCTOR By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

### 'BEZOAR' A BALL-LIKE MASS FOUND IN THE STOMACH

QUESTION: It came up in a discussion of trivia over dinner, and my friend insisted that it was a medical condition, while I think that it's a type of fur piece. Your answer will settle the bet. What's a "bezoar"?

ANSWER: A curious thing to discuss over dinner! And sorry, but your friend wins. A bezoar is a curious, ball-like, accumulation or concretion of hair or vegetable matter found in the stomach. It is rare in humans, more common in animals.

In humans, delayed emptying of the stomach may be one of the factors in its formation, and it is more likely in people who suffer stomach complications of diabetes.

Balls made of shellac or bubble gum have been seen, but most often they are composed of hair, wool, oranges or persimmons. Generally they cause no symptoms and, when discovered on X-rays, may be diagnosed mistakenly as tumours. In contrast, it's a "bo" that women wear, a long ornamental scarf of fur, feathers or other material, and which is derived from the Latin word "boa", or "bova", which means a "water serpent".

ACROSS MY DESK: Sometime ago I

published a report about the use of hyperbaric oxygen in relation to the treatment of multiple sclerosis. The mail has been voluminous, but not all letters were votes in favour of the inclusion of this information in my column. While there were statements of effectiveness, and even a letter from a hospital who offered such treatment, the statement of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, forwarded to me by the Wisconsin chapter, deserves attention.

It reads as follows: "Following the anecdotal reports in the literature and through the media, hyperbaric oxygen (HBO) received attention as a possible symptomatic treatment for multiple sclerosis. In order to better evaluate whether HBO affects multiple sclerosis beneficially the National Multiple Sclerosis Society funded a controlled scientific trial with a small number of patients, the results of which were published in 1983. Because the data suggested some moderate improvement, further controlled studies were initiated in several medical centres around the world. Three studies were presented at a major neurology meeting. The results of these studies indicate that positive effects claimed for this therapy

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## WOMEN

By James Roberts

IT hardly seems possible that another drama could befall superstar Elizabeth Taylor...

Yet the 56-year-old actress, who has already won battles against booze, drugs and food and emerged looking happier, more beautiful and slimmer than ever, is now being racked by a new heartache. She is facing a delicate spine operation that could leave her a cripple.

And this time there seems no alternative to surgery for the movie queen who has suffered from a history of back problems. The final straw came when she fled in agony from the set of her latest film, *Zeffirelli's Young Toscana*, in which she plays an opera singer.

And, to make matters worse, the movie which was Liz's first big screen role for seven years, hit trouble too.

It was withdrawn from the Venice film festival in protest at the controversial *The Last Temptation of Christ* being included.

But, as Liz convalesces in the exclusive St John's Hospital in Santa Monica, California, where she booked in under the name of Beth Warner, her mind is firmly on the operation she must have, to save her from becoming disabled.

A friend of the seven-times married star says: "Liz knows this is her last chance to sort out her back trouble. She has been warned that even after an operation she stands a 10 per cent chance of having to live in a wheelchair."

## Crisis

Liz's latest crisis began with a fall at a Fourth of July party thrown by millionaire Adnan Khashoggi in Spain.

She was flown to Ibiza for treatment, then went to Rome to shoot scenes for her new movie, where she spent much of the time between takes in a wheelchair.

After several days filming, Liz was flown to Los Angeles in the private jet of her latest boyfriend, Malcolm Forbes. Liz's back problems began in 1944 when, as a child star, she fell from a horse, crushing discs in her spine during the filming of *National Velvet*.

Liz's tragedy comes just four years after she entered the Betty Ford clinic determined to put the horror of too much bourbon and barbituates behind her.

# Liz Taylor in crisis again

Hollywood superstar Elizabeth Taylor has been dogged by drama all her life. Now, looking slimmer and more beautiful than ever, her career is being threatened yet again...this time by a spine operation that could leave her in a wheelchair.



Elizabeth Taylor: her latest crisis began with a fall she suffered at a party thrown by Adnan Khashoggi in Spain

and recreate herself as the world's most glamorous star.

The fat and bloated body has been shed and was revealed—a svelte and voluptuous Elizabeth. Once again she is a woman whose entrance can stop conversation and turn every eye.

But it has not been easy. "There's no question that I would have killed myself if I had gone on," she says now. "Drink gave me Dutch courage because I was shy, but I'd got to the point where it was pure self-destruction. I realised I had to do something, not just for my family, but for myself."

When she was admitted to the Californian clinic, Liz was finally able to face her problem and introduced herself at meetings as "Elizabeth...an addict and an alcoholic."

For several months Liz then

began to replace booze and pills with food. She explains: "At the centre they tell you just to take one thing at a time. They don't encourage you to stop smoking or to diet while you are there, because you need 100 per cent concentration for other goals."

"When you stop drinking your metabolism goes through a terrific change. When I got out, I'd lost 11 pounds in bloat but started putting on just plain, solid fat from all the sweet things I was eating, particularly chocolate."

**Avoided**

"I avoided looking in the mirror for so long that I allowed myself to become really obese—and I didn't see it. After about three months I felt so good inside, such a sense of peace, that I did take a long look at myself and decided to try and make my exterior match

my interior."

Besides her recent traumas, Liz has undergone more personal dramas than most people experience in a lifetime—six husbands (she remarried Richard Burton), widowhood, infidelity, betrayals and the death of close friends. She has managed to bounce back to the top so often that it's easy to believe she must be made from rubber.

The worst of her troubles stemmed from the failure of her six year marriage to Virginian senator John Warner. She had wanted this to be the last and most successful of her marriages. She used her passion to get him elected. Yet at the end was expected to do nothing more than the traditional Washington wife, sitting at home giving dinner parties for political VIPs.

But Liz has never been content to live in somebody else's shadow.

"There just wasn't room in his life for me," she says. "Politics is a very hard mistress to fight. She was a lady I couldn't cope with."

Now Liz says defiantly: "I'm much more at peace with myself. I've realised there's a wonderful world out there for me."

Liz has said she only really loved two of her husbands—her second, producer Mike Todd, who was killed in a plane crash only 13 months after their wedding—and actor Richard Burton.

She confesses: "After Mike, I thought I'd never love again. Then along came Richard and I realised that my love hadn't dried up after all." She married Burton in 1964—after the disastrous marriage to Eddie Fisher.

When Liz re-emerged looking as slim and beautiful as ever her career, for a time, was put on the back burner. She immersed herself in other causes—the campaign against AIDS for example, of which she is national chairwoman in America.

She says: "Most people think I became involved with the Foundation because of Rock Hudson, but I was in the chair at the first benefit dinner, seven

months before I knew Rock was sick.

"I got involved because I was so angry. The attitude that people had—the bigotry! Nobody was doing anything and that incensed me. I don't think people can think about it enough until after a cure is found."

## Appear

Liz continues to appear all over the USA at benefits for the victims of the deadly disease and she indirectly gives huge sums of money to the campaign. She recently endorsed a new perfume, *Passion*, and although she receives a royalty on every bottle sold, a proportion of the profits also goes into the funds for AIDS research.

Since the actress has expressed her desire to work she has, not surprisingly, been inundated with offers.

The American soaps are clamouring to snap her up—each offering a huge package (\$700,000 is the highest figure rumoured, for 10 episodes of *Dynasty*).

Liz also believes she has at last worked out what went wrong with her marriages. "Marriage fails because of the lack of communication," she says. "When people stop talking and listening, that's when the trouble starts."

Liz certainly has enough men who would like to lead her up the aisle again. One of the top candidates is Hollywood smoothie George Hamilton.

Elizabeth says she has a wonderful time together. "George has one of the best senses of humour around," she says. "Of Elizabeth, George says: 'With everything she's been through, she's still wonderfully naive.'

## Intriguing

Most intriguing of all is Elizabeth's relationship with whacky pop star Michael Jackson. He sends her roses, love letters and poems and telephones her several times a day. "I adore him," Elizabeth says. "He's the sweetest person in the whole world."

He believes she's the only woman he's ever met who truly understands his problems because, like him, she's been a star since childhood.

Lionel Ritchie reckons



Liz Taylor who has already won battles against booze, drugs and food is now racked by back trouble.

Michael's sanity was saved by his relationship with Elizabeth. "They both know about isolation and loneliness," he says.

Neil Simon, the award-winning playwright, is another suitor. And, although Liz broke off her engagement to Mexican lawyer Victor Luma, they remain friends. But the most recent contender is Malcolm Forbes, 70, the publishing tycoon whom Elizabeth has been dating for the last year.

Another of Liz's more recent friendships is with singer Barry Manilow. "She's the most feminine person I've ever met," he says. "You really feel like a man around her. Even though she's older than I am she still turns me on."

But whoever marries Liz will be marrying a woman of untold wealth. She lives in the Kirkeby Mansion in Los Angeles' Bel Air, the most expensive suburb in the world.

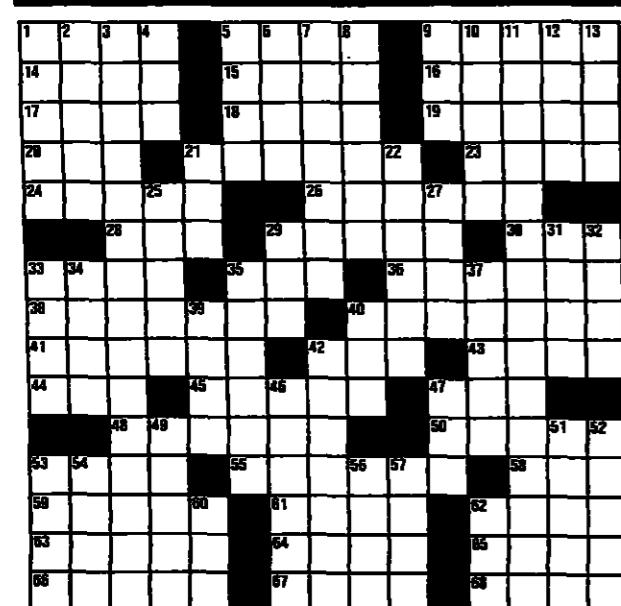
Her £26 million house is crammed full with works of art, with a Renoir, a Van Gogh, a Degas and several Utrillos in the sitting room and an Augustus John hanging over the washbasin in the powder room.

The man of her choice is not likely to be short of money of course, or diamonds.



Doctors say that even after an operation, Taylor stands a 10 per cent chance of having to live in a wheelchair.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

## WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦AQ74 ♦J8 ♦A87 ♦A654  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♦ Pass  
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What action do you take?

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦Q92 ♦Q10873 ♦8762 ♦5  
Partner opens the bidding with one club. What do you respond?

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦KQ1052 ♦AJ32 ♦95 ♦82  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♦ Dbl ?  
What action do you take?

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

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What action do you take?

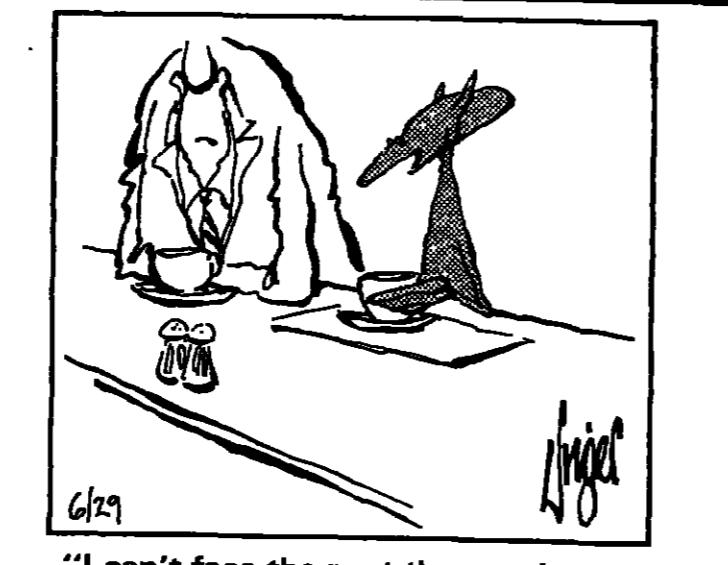
Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦J93 ♦K85 ♦72 ♦A8763  
The bidding has proceeded:  
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1 ♦ Dbl ?  
What action do you take?

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

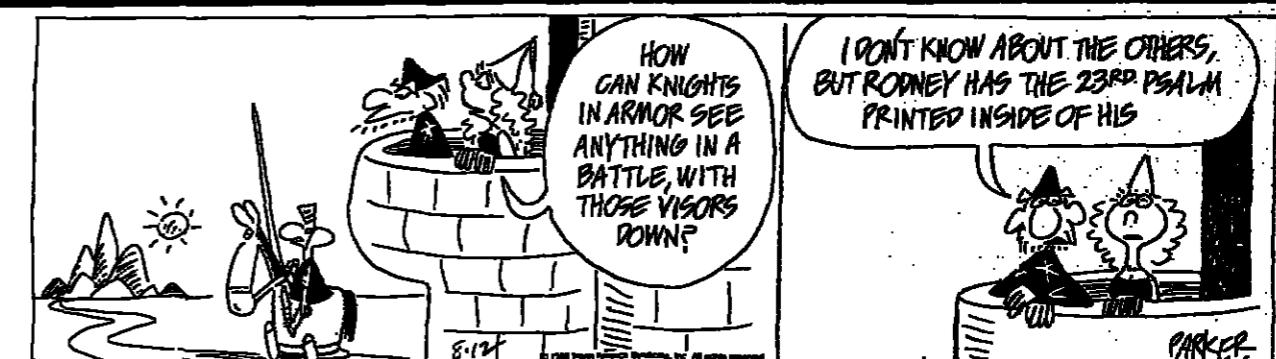
♦AKQ76 ♦K9 ♦K3 ♦K102  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♦ Pass 4 ♦ Pass  
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What action do you take?



"I can't face the next thousand years without my cup of coffee."

## THE WIZARD OF ID



By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

## B.C.



By Johnny Hart

## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

There might be some problems this morning, but from the afternoon onwards things will proceed much more smoothly. You will be able to avail yourself of a good opportunity. Do not allow yourself to be dissuaded. Be cordial.



Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

You will find it easier to make up your mind. You should not allow work to erode your personal life. You will meet someone much to your liking. Be lenient.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

This is going to be one of those days. You should beware of doing anything you might come to regret. Avoid trying to do things by force. Be tactful.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Not everything will be to your liking but you will know how to make the best of things. Make sure you do not allow yourself to get into too much of a muddle. There is no time to waste. Be firm.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You would be wrong to try to have everything your own way. You will be able to get a lot done but only if you do not permit yourself to be distracted. Keep away from secondary matters just now. Be reasonable. Be generous.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will have to choose between two equally attractive alternatives: you cannot have it both ways. You should not expect everyone to agree with you. Keep calm when dealing with a rather nervous person. Be decisive.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

Everything will go more smoothly but you must still be on your guard. You would be wrong to rely on luck to get you out of trouble although you will certainly be lucky. Avoid exceeding speed limits. Be fair.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will be subject to some ups and downs and should try to use a little more willpower. Make sure you get enough but none too energetic exercise. Also beware of eating more than is good for you. Be generous.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You will be able to do something to make up for lost time. You must do all you can to avoid giving rise to confusion. You should concentrate on essentials leaving the details until later. Be prompt.

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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CLERK	FRA	SAUNA
HOST	ALOST	TSAR
OGEE	NEWER	TIRE
PIEAL	DENSE	ACED

"I know the car is new George, but do you have to wash underneath as well?"

# Hong Kong cracks down on counterfeit

Tourists coming to Hong Kong from other counterfeit capitals, such as Bangkok, Taipei and Seoul, should think twice before loading themselves with fakes. Hong Kong customs officials are looking for caches considered large enough to cross the line from personal use to commercial gain.

**HONG KONG:** From Rolex watches to Mickey Mouse, South-east Asia is cracking down on counterfeiters and, for the first time, the tourists who keep them in business.

The counterfeit clampdown is a determined bid to boost Asia's image in the eyes of Western trading partners, who say the thriving fakes business is cutting into both the reputation and export figures of the real thing.

Seoul, Bangkok, Singapore, Taipei and Hong Kong vie as the fake capitals of the world.

In any of these cities, business at hawkers' stalls on sidewalks is far brisker than in the plush boutiques like Chanel and Christian Dior.

A careful Hong Kong shopper may pay \$45 for one variety of fake Rolex watch, compared with \$1,900 for the real thing. A fake Louis Vuitton handbag goes for \$31 on the street, one-tenth of the cost of the genuine article in a central Hong Kong shop.

Fake Rolex watches, Gucci wallets and Louis Vuitton bags are among the most sought-after items, but the list goes on to include Reebok sneakers, Lacoste polo shirts, Cabbage Patch dolls — and anything with Mickey Mouse on it.

#### Fakes

The fakes may be used to amuse — or perhaps even deceive — friends back at home, but tourists are having to look harder to find them. At least one airport has full-time customs officials looking for caches considered large enough to cross the line from personal use to commercial gain.

H.Y. Tong, director of Hong Kong's Customs Investigation Bureau, said customs checks for counterfeit goods had been tightened six months ago.

"Hong Kong has an international image to protect," Tong said. "If we get branded as a major counterfeit centre, our trading partners will impose sanctions on us."

Most fakes found by customs



officials are clothing or watches, but counterfeits also produce medicine, and spare parts for well-known makes of cars, Tong said.

He said tourists coming to Hong Kong from other counterfeit capitals, such as Bangkok, Taipei and Seoul, should think twice before loading themselves with fakes.

"If someone brings one, two or three counterfeit pieces through customs, we want to be reasonable."

"But people touring Asia sometimes come to Hong Kong with 10 to 20 pieces. Then we have to take action. Even if we know their reason is genuine — Christmas gifts or what have you — we have to detain those tourists, question them and cause them unnecessary trouble."

But some prestigious manufacturers take their own precautions. Paris-based Hermes makes, among other things, a strict warning to counterfeiters in the region, as well as Chinese, to stop using the cartoon without going through proper legal channels.

Hermes is very strict," said a Frenchman in Hong Kong whose company produces ties for

the French fashion house. "They insist on very precise counts. If they order 100 pieces, you don't give them 95 and say that five ties didn't work out. They want 100 pieces no matter what."

Eleanor Lee, the general manager of Chanel's boutique division in Hong Kong, said: "Whenever we find fake Chanel, we just have to buy one piece and get the receipt as evidence. Our attorney does the rest. The shop has to let us know how many pieces they bought and who they bought them from."

"Usually they co-operate because we prosecute if they don't."

In Seoul, the Union des Fabricants de France has a branch with the specific task of protecting popular European trademarks.

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France zealously guards its

reputation as one of the world's premier producers of class fashion by confiscating fakes at its end.

"If someone comes through customs carrying a fake Vuitton bag, we let them go through," a French customs official said. "If they have 10, we take them."

Taiwan, reputedly home to the best fake Rolexes, has cracked down hard over the past four years, organising regular police sweeps and completely overhauling its copyright laws.

#### Picked

But some pure economic factors, such as the rising value of the Taiwan dollar and spiralling labour costs, have strangled Taiwan's dollar industry, not Taiwan's.

Taiwan manufacturers are slowly being driven out of the counterfeit market," said Geoffrey Harris, a Taipei-based private investigator who specialises in copyright cases.

He said counterfeit watchmakers have been shifting entire factories to Thailand where the currency is stable, labour is

among the cheapest in Asia, and laws are relatively lax.

Indonesia and the Philippines have also picked up Taiwan's fakes business in everything from shoes to spare car parts.

Harris said it was unlikely that Taiwan would follow Hong Kong's lead and confiscate fakes at customs posts.

"Authorities here don't see anything wrong with bringing in fakes for personal use," he said.

Customs officials in Singapore normally only check passenger baggage for drugs, but strict copyright laws and constant vigilance by authorities have ended the once thriving market in fake goods.

Shops in areas such as Change Alley and the Far East Plaza are regularly raided by customs inspectors posing as tourists.

Singapore's International Federation of Phonogram and Videogram Producers said pirated video or audio cassette tapes have all but disappeared since a stringent copyright law, laying down a \$50,000 fine or a five-year jail term, was introduced a year ago.

# Male models fight for places in Paris shows

By Michela Wrong

**PARIS** (Reuters): Male models from all over the world are gathering in Paris with one thought in mind — winning a prized place on the fashion catwalks and being spotted by an international talent scout.

For while a moment of glory at the ready-to-wear shows pays badly in modelling terms, a young unknown parading a suit by Yves Saint Laurent or Jean-Paul Gaultier could be launching a million-dollar career.

"These collections are a unique opportunity for new models to meet famous designers and be seen by talent-spotters from Milan, New York and London," says Patrick Normandin, in charge of male models at Glamour, a leading Paris modelling agency.

"Models may be paid more elsewhere but this is where they make their reputations and build their careers. A few of the boys who appear at the collections will end up being the highest-paid models of the year."

"The shows are all about prestige, not money."

Top French, Japanese, Italian and Spanish designers are trying to sell their latest ideas during five days of ready-to-wear previews.

Before the September collections and the autumn and winter shows in February, Normandin tours the world, choosing promising young men he sponsors to come to Paris, where they fight for a spot.

The lucky ones will earn between \$400-480 per show, not much when compared to the \$20,000-30,000 dollars a model who appears in a good promotion film can expect to rake in.

"It's the most hectic week of the year — there's nothing to compare with it," says Krebs.

A 20-year-old British colleague, James Gough, has not been so lucky. A former office worker who entered the fashion scene only four months ago, Gough is still waiting for a place in the collections.

"You don't know until the last day whether or not you've got a spot. It's not very hopeful for me. They seem to be looking for giants at these shows and really I'm too short," says the six-foot (1.83 meter) cockney model.

Until last year Normandin



A male model makes a swift clothes change helped by his dresser during French designer Charles Jourdan's ready-to-wear fashion show in Paris recently.

recruited 80-90 per cent of his models in the United States, because he is convinced that American men relate best to both designers and customers.

"It's a question of temperament and character. Americans are much more at ease with their own bodies. They're more extrovert than Europeans, proud to show off their physique — there's an element of narcissism there."

European models are improving but still have a lot to learn, says Normandin. As for his own compatriots, he feels the national character does not lend itself to the job: "The French are very introverted and easily intimidated."

In the frenzied days before the collections Normandin is fully occupied smoothing his models' ruffled egos and reassuring nervy clients.

Twice a year we are swept up in a sort of a tempest ... it's complete madness."

# Laughter: the best medicine of all

By Janet Bailey

LAUGHTER lifts our spirits, puts our problems in perspective, connects us to others and probably improves our health.

In his best-selling book *Anatomy of an Illness*, author Norman Cousins told how he rid himself of a serious illness with a treatment that included doses of *Candid Camera* and Marx Brothers movies.

Some researchers believe a hearty laugh may release endorphins, the brain's own pain-killing chemicals, and that it helps to strengthen the immune system.

Laughter provides a physical workout, too. William Fry, M.D., associate clinical professor of psychiatry at Stanford University Medical School, compares laughter to jogging in terms of its effect on heart rate and muscle condition, although it would take a very funny series of events to keep you laughing as long and hard as the average jogger jogs.

**Good**  
Still, we don't need science to tell us that laughing feels good, and most of us know we don't laugh nearly enough. Although it's hard to see the humour in everything, we can learn to take ourselves and our problems less seriously and maybe lengthen our lives at the same time. Here are some suggestions from the experts.

**Remember that everyone can have a sense of humour.** Maybe you can't remember a joke or tell it well if you do recall it, but that doesn't mean you can't be amusing with friends. "We're all born with the potential for developing a sense of humour," says Dr Fry. "It's part of our genetic makeup. Even if most of your playful spirit has been hammered out of you by the time you've reached adulthood, it can be revived."

"When you talk to people about humour, they usually think of jokes and comedy," says C.W. Metcalf, president of

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a company in Fort Collins, Colorado, that trains business people in how to use humour.

"But less than two percent of us are capable of remembering and telling jokes."

Humour is much broader than that. It's a set of skills that anyone can learn to develop. It's a sense of perspective, of being able to look at things in an offbeat way; it's a sense of joy in being alive."

Don't just sit there — participate. "Everybody is exposed to humour," says Harvey Mindess, Ph.D., director of the graduate psychology programme at Antioch University in Marina del Rey, California, "but we usually just sit back and enjoy it without thinking of how to make others laugh."

Don't settle for letting Woody Allen make all the jokes. Imagine yourself in the role of amusing other people. If I'm watching Bill Cosby, I might consider how that episode has played itself out in my family, or how I could act like Cosby in a similar situation."

Think about how you could turn an awkward incident into an entertaining story. If some minor disaster comes along, like a car breakdown on a rainy night, think of it as a situation comedy. You'll be amazed at how quickly that puts things in perspective. And it may well make a funny story later.

Recognise what makes you laugh and put more of it in your life. Does your taste run to Laurel and Hardy? Bugs Bunny? Sunday funnies? Which TV sitcoms do you like? Which writers — Andy Rooney, Erma Bombeck, Mark Twain? Once you've

figured out what amuses you most, Dr Fry suggests, start a humour library.

Collect your favourite books, cartoons, videocassettes, films, audiotapes and just funny gadgets. Then, when you're having trouble seeing the bright side, head for your books and tapes for a quick pick-me-up.

Practice injecting laughter into "serious" situations. "We're happy because we laugh, not the other way around," says Annette Goodheart, Ph.D., a psychotherapist in Santa Barbara, California. "The usual way of describing the process is that you have a sense of humour, so you laugh, and that changes your attitude. I start by laughing, which changes my attitude immediately. It's easy to fake laughter — your diaphragm doesn't distinguish between that and the real thing. It's like starting a car engine. The physical motion triggers real laughter."

If you're having trouble seeing the humour in a situation, Goodheart says, describe it in a deliberately light way: "The I.R.S. is auditing me, tee-hee." The ridiculousness of that sentence tickles the funny bone, helping you to change the way you look at it.

You might try adopting the paradoxical approach.

When you can't seem to laugh about a problem, try the opposite. Tell yourself this is no laughing matter and nothing can make you laugh about it. Usually the harder we try not to laugh, the more irresistible the urge becomes.

Another technique is to carry your anxiety to its most ludicrous extreme, until the situation you imagine seems so

ridiculous you can't help but find it funny. Let's say you're agonizing over a mistake you made at work. Picture the theatre company going bankrupt, with you and the chairman reduced to selling apples on the street corner, all because of your error. Chances are things aren't really that bad and the imaginary scene puts this in perspective.

"Humourists do this all the time — take upsetting events and talk about them with enough exaggeration that people find them funny," says Hope Mihalap, a humourist and professional speaker from Norfolk, Virginia.

Avoid self-criticism by poking fun at your flaws. "When you get down on yourself," explains Ray DiGiuseppe, director of training and research at New York's Institute for Rational-Emotive Therapy, "you become more depressed — and the more depressed you are, the harder it is to do something about your problem. But if you can laugh about your troubles, you're more likely to think of a way to deal with them."

DiGiuseppe and his wife have made a joke out of his tendency to work long hours. "When she wants to sit down and have a talk, I kid her that she'll have to call my secretary to make an appointment. Making fun of my workaholism reminds us I'm aware of the problem."

Use humour to lighten up your relationships. By easing tension, laughter can pave the way for better communication in almost any relationship, from home to the workplace. When Goodheart's married clients face an angry impasse, for instance,



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I know that I'm relieving other people's stress too."

C.W. Metcalf recommends going into a dime-store photo booth, making the silliest faces you can think of and carrying those pictures around with you. "When you notice yourself getting uptight," he says, "pull out the photos. They'll give you a laugh and remind you that life can be funny too."

When you really can't laugh, don't force it. Sometimes nothing can help you see the bright side of a situation. When that happens, you may simply need to ride it out. You may have to get out your grief or your anger first, before you can begin to think about looking for the funny side. Laughter can help — but not all the time.

Don't confuse humour with ridicule. It's one thing to get people laughing; it's another to laugh at them. Teasing uses laughter to control others, to disguise critical remarks and avoid responsibility for your true feelings. "Can't you take a joke?" may be one of the most destructive questions in the language. "Often people who tease others have little insight into what they're really doing," says Quinton Wilkes, Ph.D., a psychotherapist in New York City.

"If you feel demeaned or under attack, tell the other person how you feel." Anyone can laugh at another's expense, but a true sense of humour is the ability to laugh at yourself. Don't think you have to be serious to be responsible. "Many people feel that being a

responsible adult doesn't go along with laughing at yourself," says Mindess. "They assume that to be funny degrades their dignity."

Laughing is risky — but it opens up new ways of looking at a world that's full of fear and cynicism. And that openness and creativity are what we need most of all. "We're facing an environment that's changing between the time we go to bed and the time we get up in the morning," says Metcalf. "The only way to cope with that is to pay attention to the things that make it worth being here. It's easy to figure out what's not working, but the problems of the world are going to be solved by the people who love it here." And what feeds that love better than laughter?

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Data will be a significant factor on world stock markets

## Currency market focuses on US trade report

LONDON, Sept 11. (Reuter): International currency dealers, anxious about the health of the US economy, are focusing on Wednesday's key American trade report for a bulletin on whether to invest in the dollar.

A sharp fall in the oil price on Friday provided an antidote to a US government report showing that wholesale prices rose more than expected in August.

### Guidance

The Labour Department said the producer price index — the inflation gauge for wholesale markets — rose 0.6 per cent, up from 0.5 per cent in July. But the bite was taken out of the report late in the day when oil prices

sagged on signs that OPEC had not called special talks to try and bolster oil prices.

"The (price) data showed no clear guidance on trends on US rates, and the dollar may move narrowly until US trade data next week unless there are significant official remarks," a London currency dealer said, echoing a widely-held view.

### Hikes

In New York, the dollar closed at 1.8510 West German marks on Friday night, up from 1.8445 on Thursday. It edged up to 133.70 Japanese yen from 133.60.

Dealers said the July trade report, due to be released on Wednesday at 1230 GMT, held

the key to the dollar's value next week and expected quiet business ahead of the numbers.

Share dealers said the report would also be a significant factor on world stock markets, unsettled by inflation fears and interest rate hikes.

A wider-than-expected trade gap could undermine the dollar whereas a surprise cut might spur dollar buying, analysts said.

Economists believe a drop in US imports trimmed the nation's trade deficit in July, but opinions vary widely over the extent of that import reduction.

European analysts generally reckon the US July trade deficit will fall to \$11.6 billion after a

\$12.54 billion shortfall in June.

"We expect a decent pick-up in exports and very little from the import side," said Richard Berger of Salomon Brothers Inc in New York, who said the trade gap would be \$11.5 billion.

The huge US deficit has been blamed by some economists for creating world trade imbalances.

### Imbalances

At the weekend, US Federal Reserve Board Governor Robert Heller said in a West German radio interview that imbalances were being corrected slowly, but that on the balance of payments front the United States had hoped for faster growth in other countries to help reduce these

differences.

"Nevertheless, the (growth) figures in Europe are not bad, we cannot complain," Heller told Hessische Rundfunk, adding that one could do relatively little when trade imbalances continued to exist even after faster economic growth.

"One cannot simply wreck the entire world economy in order to get rid of (trade) imbalances," Heller said. "We will continue to work slowly ... on reducing these imbalances."

### Fears

Heller said the fact that the dollar had not risen showed that inflation fears were being quelled. "This is proof that infla-

tion in the US is being held in check," he said.

"At the moment I can argue that our interest rate and monetary policies in general are spot on," he said. "We are holding inflation in check but still have further economic growth and there are no signs of recession."

On Friday, the anti-inflationary aspect of lower oil prices sent gold — the traditional hedge against inflation — tumbling to its lowest levels since March 1987.

Gold for October delivery in New York fell as much as \$8.80 on the commodity exchange before closing at \$423.10 an ounce, down \$7.70.

## UN to host top level debt talks

WASHINGTON, Sept 11. (Reuter): United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar will host a meeting in New York this weekend of high-level experts to discuss ways of easing the Third World debt crisis. All invited to the meeting

include Michel Camdessus, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, Enrique Iglesias, president of the Inter-American Development Bank and African Development Bank president Babarcar N'Diaye.

The closed-door meeting is being billed as an informal brainstorming session that should act as a catalyst for future debate and action, one of the participants told Reuters.

### Look

"It's not going to result in any shattering new initiatives, but it adds to the momentum to take a new look at the issues," the participant said.

Also due to attend are Moen Qureshi, senior vice president of the World Bank, former West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and Abel Aganbegyan, a leading economics adviser to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

The meeting grew out of a resolution passed by the UN General Assembly that instructed Perez de Cuellar to consult experts in an effort to find a durable, equitable solution to the six-year-old debt crisis.

Other participants are likely to include American Express Co. chairman James Robinson, who proposed a sweeping Third World debt plan earlier this year, and Zimbabwean Finance Minister Bernard Chidzero.

**Greece, Turkey agree to promote co-operation in shipping and transportation**

VOULIAGMENI, Greece, Sept 11. (AP): Greece and Turkey will push ahead with plans for bilateral agreements on taxation, shipping and banking, senior economic officials said yesterday.

The two countries also agreed to promote co-operation in transportation, agriculture and tourism. Greek National Economy Minister Panayiotis Roumeliotis and Turkish Minister of State Adnan Kahveci said in a joint statement.

The three-day Greek-Turkish economic meeting at this seaside resort outside Athens was part of a rapprochement between the two traditional rivals known as the "Davos understanding."

Premiers Andreas Papandreou of Greece and Turgut Ozal of Turkey last February launched a long-term effort to normalise relations in talks held at Davos in Switzerland.

The two countries came to the brink of war in March 1987 over oil-drilling rights beneath the Aegean Sea.

### Talks

"The talks were positive and constructive. We're gradually building a climate of confidence that will allow a business initiative to develop," Roumeliotis told reporters.

Kahveci said Greece and Turkey both had "problems of development, which will be more easily solved through co-operation."

They said an agreement on avoiding double taxation would be wrapped up next month, while talks on shipping and tourism co-operation would start in November.

The Greek Mortgage Bank will set up an office in Istanbul and Turkey's Emiac Bankasi will open one in Athens to handle sales and development of Greek-owned properties in Istanbul.

## Efforts needed to reduce external imbalances and achieve currency stability

### W. Germany, Japan seek more co-operation in the G-7 policies

ZURICH, Sept 11: West German and Japanese officials called for stronger co-operation on monetary policy among major industrial nations, as well as continued vigilance to guard against inflation, according to the Wall Street Journal.

Hans Tietmeyer, state secretary of the West German Finance Ministry, expressed general satisfaction with current policy co-ordination among the Group of Seven leading industrial nations but called for "small steps" toward closer co-operation within the group.

Meanwhile, Bank of Japan Governor Satoshi Sumita said that a change in Japan's monetary policy isn't necessary, though he emphasised that the central bank is ready to act "appropriately and flexibly" in response to currency and price movements.

Tietmeyer, a top West German economic policy maker, said a discussion on a fundamentally new monetary system would be of little use. He made

his comments in a wide-ranging article published in the Neue Zürcher Zeitung newspaper.

In his article, Tietmeyer said formal currency target zones or a world-wide application of the European Monetary System model would serve only to divert attention from the current economic and monetary policy problems. He said such plans would raise "unrealistic expectations."

### Co-ordination

But he also suggested that the current monetary system's co-ordination mechanisms could be improved. "It is a constant task for the finance ministers and the central bank governors of the major industrial countries to study suggestions that move in this direction," Tietmeyer wrote.

Tietmeyer also said that the current-rate turbulence of the early 1980s illustrates the need for greater stability. But he added that the G-7's 1985 Plaza accord has yielded results. "As a direct participant in many of these discussions, I am convinced

that without the strengthened efforts toward co-operation, many political decisions would have turned out differently and the international adjustment process of external accounts and free trade would have proved less beneficial," he wrote.

Tietmeyer conceded that some doubts have surfaced about the political will of G-7 nations to co-operate. But he said too much criticism should be avoided in consideration of the different conditions and priorities in each of the countries.

In an apparent answer to criticism of West German policy, Tietmeyer said: "International co-operation doesn't mean that a country is forced into something that contradicts its internal economic goals and needs." Instead, co-operation should strive to serve the interests of all countries involved, in order to reduce external imbalances and achieve greater currency stability, he said.

There has been broad agreement that currency market intervention is a useful, short-term way to smooth currency movements, "especially when (it is) co-ordinated," Tietmeyer said. Co-ordinated intervention also can "signal" the markets when currency movements aren't grounded in reasonable fundamental factors, he added.

Domestic prices are generally stable, reflecting the effect of the yen's sustained strength, growing imports of low-priced finished goods, and heightening competition in the domestic market as the structure of the Japanese economy becomes more reliant on domestic demand," Sumita said.

Sumita's insistence that there is no need to tighten Japanese credit conditions came as speculation waned about an increase in the country's discount rate. Such speculation was widespread following last month's rise in lending rates by Western central banks, including the US Federal Reserve and West Germany's Bundesbank. But Sumita and other Japanese officials, including Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, repeatedly have denied that Tokyo would adjust its monetary amid continued economic

## Mozambique and S. Africa try to revive economic co-operation

MAPUTO, Sept 11. (Reuter): South African President P.W. Botha travels on Monday to war-torn Mozambique, where his country is regarded as both the hostile backer of right-wing guerrillas and an economic powerhouse whose co-operation is badly needed by its poorer neighbour.

Botha and Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano will hold a day of talks at Songo near the Cahora Bassa hydro-electric dam — a frustrated project to harness the mighty Zambezi river that symbolises the complex relationship between their two states.

Their aim will be to revive the Nkomati accord, a 1984 non-aggression pact in which Pretoria and Maputo undertook not to support each other's guerrilla enemies, and to promote a renewal of economic co-operation.

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aggression against Mozambique through dialogue with Pretoria, the official Mozambican news agency, AIM, said in an editorial.

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Slide in prices pushes US bond prices up

# Steep fall in oil overshadows inflation rise

**NEW YORK**, Sept 11, (Reuters): A steep fall in the price of oil provided an antidote yesterday to a government report showing that US wholesale prices rose more than expected in August.

But the inflation outlook is murky enough that a 20-point lead in blue-chip stocks was whittled down by the closing bell to just over five points. And while stocks and bonds rose, gold — the traditional hedge against inflation — fell sharply.

The Labour Department said the producer price index — the inflation gauge for wholesale markets — rose 0.6 per cent, up from 0.5 per cent in July. But the

bite was taken out of the report late in the day when oil prices fell sharply on signs that OPEC had not called a special committee meeting to seek ways to support oil prices.

**Contract**

"The main problem is there is too much crude oil around," one trader said. West Taxes Intermediate, the main American crude, fell 30 cents to close at \$14.18 a barrel for the October contract on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Traders said prices could slide below \$14 a barrel next week unless OPEC took some action

to restrain output.

The Dow Jones industrial average ended with a rise of 5.69 points at 2,068.81. The index rose 14.22 points in the week.

The fall in oil pushed US Treasury bond prices higher and pulled the yield of the key 30-year bond to just under 9 per cent briefly, its lowest level in two months.

**Prices**

But the anti-inflationary aspect of lower oil prices sent gold tumbling to its lowest levels since March 1987. Gold for October delivery fell as much as \$8.80 on the commodity

exchange before closing at \$423.10 an ounce, down \$7.70.

Also, lower grain futures prices lessened gold's importance as an inflation hedge. On the Chicago Board of Trade, soybeans fell 12 cents to \$8.77 a bushel and wheat was down 6.5 cents at \$4 a bushel.

**Interpretations**

Precious metals analysts said that gold initially moved up on the 0.6 per cent rise in inflation at the producer level. But as they examined the figures, they changed their minds.

"Negative interpretations of the producer price index showing

a rate of price increases of only 0.3 per cent when food and energy are factored out did a lot to knock the wind out of gold," said Barry Forst of Dominic and Dominic Inc. The two groups are volatile and many economists believe that the so-called core figure, which does not include them, gives a better picture of price performance.

The dollar ended higher after moving in a narrow trading range of about one pfennig and less than a yen. It closed at 1,8510 West German marks, up from 1,8445. It edged up to 133.70 Japanese yen from 133.60 on Thursday.

**Gulf Bank weekly market review**

# KD rate firmer against dollar

**Kuwaiti dinar**

BASED on last week's opening middle market FX rates, the KD exchange rate was firmer against the US dollar ending the week at 285.07 fils compared with its last closing the week before at 285.91 fils.

Against the pound sterling, the KD was lower ending the week at 484.06 fils compared with the week before last's closing of 481.13 fils.

The KD was lower against the DM ending the week at 154.38 fils compared with its closing of 152.36 fils, the week before.

The KD was also lower against the SFR ending the week at 183.01 with its week before last closing at 180.56 fils.

Against the JD, the KD was higher ending the week at 754.15 fils compared with its week before last closing of 755.17 fils.

The KD was mostly unchanged against the GCC currencies.

**World stock markets**

Wall Street stock prices strengthened over the week and ended higher as a sudden turn-around in bond prices in the last hour of trading on a collapse in oil prices helped trigger futures-related buying and briefly sent stock prices sharply higher before closing with modest gains.

The Dow Jones industrial average opened the week at 2065 and closed higher at 2069, recording a gain of 14 points over the week before last closing of 2055.

Share prices on the London Stock Exchange strengthened earlier in the week, underpinned by a steeper sterling and a softening in money market interest rates.

However, prices weakened later in the week when rapidly sliding oil prices led oil shares lower. Dealers expect the lack-luster trading to be a short-term pattern with the market staying highly cautious as it awaits the August's British economic statistics including the revision on second quarter balance of payment figures.

The FTSE 100 opened the week at 1765 and closed at 1735, recording a loss of 7 points over the week before last closing of 1742.

**US dollar**

The dollar rebounded after

lived as it moved in a narrow trading range against other major currencies in the holiday-shortened week in observance of the Memorial Day holiday on Sept 5 ending the week below week before last closing the week before at 285.91 fils.

The dollar has been lower since last Friday's US August employment report which showed the US economy was losing some momentum after expanding strongly in the first half of the year, thus confounding expectations of higher inflation and the need to raise US interest rates which depressed the dollar sentiment.

The National Association of Purchasing Management Index fell to 56.2 per cent in August from 59 per cent in July and 59.3 per cent in June indicating a slower pace of US economic expansion.

The dollar showed little reaction to the release of a 0.6 per cent rise in US producer prices for August following a gain of 0.5 per cent in July.

**Japanese yen**

The yen opened the week at 134.90/95 yen and turned to continue trading in a tight band against the US dollar closing the week little higher at 133.60/70 yen against week before last closing of 133.85/95 yen.

The recent decline in oil prices has benefited the yen because of Japan's "heavy" dependence on fuel imports which means lower "bulge". BOJ's recent quarterly survey showing robust Japanese economic expansion with no overheating, increased bullishness for the yen against the the system's currencies.

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**Deutsche mark**

The mark traded within a narrow range between 1.84-1.85 against the dollar in dull trading opening the week at 1.84/20/25 and ending the week at 1.8505/15 marks, near its week before last closing at 1.8520/30 marks.

The market emphasis shifted towards mark strength which gained from the recent dollar weakness on unencouraging US employment data, the better-than-expected West German economic growth, more attractive German interest rates, and the solid determination of the Bundesbank to defend the mark.

The Bundesbank net currency reserves fell by 2.9 billion marks, to 70.0 billion marks in the last week of August due to coordinated intervention.

The mark was more active on cross trading. Early in the week the mark regained some losses against the yen and the pound but ended the week lower against the yen at 1.8340/60 marks per 100 yen compared to its week before last closing at 1.8360/60.

The mark lost ground against pound ending the week at 2.135/138 marks against week before last closing at 2.117/120.

The mark's strength within the EMS, rising to its 6-month high against the Italian lira and the French franc, has prompted talk of a possible realignment of the 8-currency basket, although Bundesbank president Poehl denied the need for an EMS realignment just now given that there were no noteworthy tensions within the system's currencies.

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from June, producing a year-on-year rise of 7.4 per cent, with domestic orders rising by 3 per cent from June, while foreign orders falling by 2 per cent reflecting the strength of domestic demand which grew by 4.6 per cent in the first half of this year.

**Pound sterling**

The pound sterling remained well-supported last week despite Britain's growing current account and inflation problems, by high yield considerations, with UK base rates now at 12 per cent. The pound which traded in a very tight range opened the week against the US dollar at \$1.7035/45, and closed slightly lower at \$1.6955/65, but slightly higher compared to its previous week's closing of \$1.6845/55.

The pound showed little reaction to the final figure for UK retail sales in July which rose 2.4 per cent against an estimate of 2 per cent and after being unchanged in June.

One slow down in UK credit of £1.8 billion in July from £4.2 billion in June was overlooked.

**French franc**

The French franc opened the week against the US dollar at 6.2740/70 FFR and closed easier at 6.2920/80 FFR but near its week before last closing at 6.2950/80 FFR.

Finance Minister Beregovoy said that the French franc will not be devalued in the European Monetary System (EMS), the statement being his clearest yet that he would not allow the franc to be devalued in a quasi-fixed EMS system of currency management.

France posted a current account surplus of a seasonally adjusted 7.4 billion FFR in the first quarter, turning round a deficit of 600 million FFR in the same quarter of 1987.

**Swiss franc**

The Swiss franc opened the week against the US dollar at 1.5520/30 SF and closed lower at 1.5620/30 SF, compared to its week before last closing at 1.5535/65 SF.

Swiss economic growth slowed in the second quarter to a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of a real 1.1 per cent from a revised 2.3 per cent in the first quarter.

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**World grain supplies may drop further**

offer EEP to everyone who wants it," said a Washington grain consultant.

Sizing up expectations of Monday's report, analysts say another drop in the US corn crop is a virtual certainty and crop problems elsewhere around the world will likely lower estimates in several other major grain producing areas too.

**Important**

Estimates for Canadian and Argentine wheat and East European coarse grains are likely to show notable drops when the report is released, analysts said.

The Agriculture Department last month pegged US corn production at 4.5 billion bushels — down almost 40 per cent from last year. Prentice and others predicted Monday's corn estimate would drop to about 4.3

"Grain stocks are low, and if we had another major drought, we'd have some problems," Rector said.

Rector said one year of low grain stocks does not necessarily mean a crisis.

"We could still recover from this in one year," he said. "But we're not going to come back in one year and surge back to the levels we've been trying to get rid of."

Additional declines in world stocks will bring more pressure from grain buyers, including the low grain stocks," said Steve McCay, director of the North American Export Grain Association.

American grain stocks have been drawn down by the combined impact of drought — which has also hurt world stocks — and an aggressive US export policy.

The two-week review is a follow-up to a special general assembly in 1986 that urged all governments to help implement a \$128 billion five-year plan to ease Africa's economic plight.

"However, measured in real terms, resource flows were lower in 1986 and 1987 than in 1985," the secretary-general said.

A mounting debt burden, depressed commodity prices and decreased per capita income are among key topics to be addressed during the review by a committee representing all UN members.

Opening speakers will include Perez de Cuellar and Foreign Minister Modibo Keita of Mali, whose country holds the OAU chairmanship.

Perez de Cuellar said efforts to implement economic reforms

had been impressive. But not all governments had adopted reforms, nor were they being pursued with equal vigour in all countries.

He said the net flow of assistance to Africa increased from \$17.9 billion in 1985 to 19.9 billion in 1986 and 22.9 billion in 1987, in nominal terms.

"Economic performance during 1986-1988 has been generally disappointing," he wrote.

"The gross domestic product (GDP) of the region rose by 1.0 per cent in 1986 and 0.8 per cent in 1987, however, per capita income fell by 2.0 and 2.2 per cent in those years.

Performance

The performance of individual countries varied, and this overall picture does not fully reveal the extent of distress experienced in many parts of the continent."

The plan placed special emphasis on rehabilitating agriculture, whose failure due to both natural and man-made

causes has brought famine to large parts of Africa in recent years.

But a recent report by UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, in preparation for the review, painted a bleak picture.

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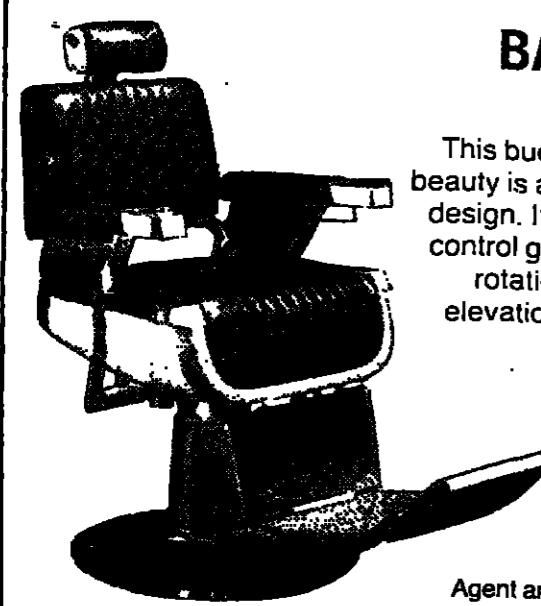
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## Cowdrey puts Kent on top



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## Ignore

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## Consider

A conservative member of parliament suggested that England should now consider a tour of South Africa this winter if the tour to India is cancelled.

Timothy Janman said: "If they are short of cricket this winter they should now consider a tour of South Africa in order to show that, on purely sporting grounds, we play against whichever countries we like."

The last time an England cricket tour was cancelled was in 1968 when the TCCB called off a visit to South Africa due to that country's objection to Basil D'Olivera, a black England player.

But even if England does not embark on an official South African tour it is certain that individual players will continue to play there and possibly that a "rebel" tour of England players be organised.

The Daily Express said the TCCB is set to offer the England squad members a percentage of the 12,000-pounds (20,000-dollars) they would have earned in India if they sign contracts to "play" for England during the winter. This would prevent them from playing overseas for anyone other than the official England team.

## Furious

Around 70 English club professionals earn extra money during the winter from playing in South Africa and Gooch, who led the last unofficial tour of South Africa in 1982, had to break his contract with South African team western province to allow him to assume the captaincy for the India tour.

But the tabloid newspaper the Star reported that senior England players were "furious" with the TCCB's attempts to stop them from going to South Africa.

They quoted an unnamed senior England player — all players were ordered by the TCCB not to talk to the press — as saying players should be free to do what they liked.

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Timothy Janman said: "If they are short of cricket this winter they should now consider a tour of South Africa in order to show that, on purely sporting grounds, we play against whichever countries we like."

The last time an England cricket tour was cancelled was in 1968 when the TCCB called off a visit to South Africa due to that country's objection to Basil D'Olivera, a black England player.

But even if England does not embark on an official South African tour it is certain that individual players will continue to play there and possibly that a "rebel" tour of England players be organised.

The Daily Express said the TCCB is set to offer the England squad members a percentage of the 12,000-pounds (20,000-dollars) they would have earned in India if they sign contracts to "play" for England during the winter. This would prevent them from playing overseas for anyone other than the official England team.

Furious

Around 70 English club professionals earn extra money during the winter from playing in South Africa and Gooch, who led the last unofficial tour of South Africa in 1982, had to break his contract with South African team western province to allow him to assume the captaincy for the India tour.

But the tabloid newspaper the Star reported that senior England players were "furious" with the TCCB's attempts to stop them from going to South Africa.

They quoted an unnamed senior England player — all players were ordered by the TCCB not to talk to the press — as saying players should be free to do what they liked.

Cowdrey: unbeaten 80

Kent need victory to be virtually certain of taking the title ahead of second-placed Worcestershire and Essex, who are third. The trio are playing their penultimate games in the competition.

Worcestershire ended the second day against Gloucestershire at Bristol leading by 146 with all their second-innings wickets in hand. At Chelmsford, Gloucestershire were 218 for four in reply to Essex's 200.

Left-arm spinner Richard Illingworth put Worcestershire on top against Gloucestershire with five for 69 — his first five-wicket haul since April.

He captured three wickets in nine balls as the home side collapsed to 247 for eight, and when Grahame Hick bowled David Lawrence six runs later, Gloucestershire still needed two more runs to avoid the follow-on.

The last pair, Australian Terry Alderman and captain David Graveney, prevented that indig-

nity. Gloucestershire's total of 262 — 142 behind — owed much to Phil Bainbridge's fighting 124, made in 254 minutes and including 14 boundaries.

England batsman David Gower stroked a superb 143 not out as Leicestershire replied strongly to Essex's huge total, to which Nasser Hussain contributed an unbeaten 165.

Gower, who survived chances on 77 and 132, completed his second century of the season out of 164 in 118 deliveries, and it contained a six and 13 fours.

Hussain, 35 overnight, hit 21 fours and a six in total in his maiden first-class century and added 149 in 24 overs for the eighth wicket with David East, who lashed 66 from 74 balls.

And walked two before Mike Schoeller finished with hitless relief for his 12th save.

**Royals 9, Athletics 4**

Pat Tabler got his seventh hit in eight at-bats with the bases loaded this in Kansas City's four-run second inning. Tabler has 18 runs batted in with the bases loaded this season and is 36-for-63, a .571 average, with 85 RBI when batting with the bases loaded in his career.

**Twins 6, White Sox 5**

Gene Larkin doubled home Kent Hrbek from second base with one out in the 12th inning after Kirby Puckett was thrown out at home trying to score on Hrbek's double.

**Mariners 1, Brewers 0**

Eric Hanson allowed three hits over 7 1-3 innings in his second Major League start and Milwaukee fell 3-1/2 games out of first. Hanson, 1-1, struck out five.

## Results

		American League	
Boston	6	Cleveland	0
New York	9	Detroit	4
Minnesota	6	Chicago	5
Baltimore	7	Toronto	4
Kansas City	9	Oakland	4
Seattle	1	Milwaukee	0
Texas	3	California	2
		National League	
St. Louis	9	Chicago	3
San Francisco	3	Houston	2
Pittsburgh	5	Philadelphia	1
New York	6	Montreal	0
Los Angeles	5	Cincinnati	1
San Diego	6	Atlanta	2

## Danes win speedway final

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**Fielded**

The United States finished second with 32 points while Sweden beat Britain in a four-lap ride-off for third place.

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**Film on Budd**

JOHANNESBURG, Sept 11, (Reuters): South African-born runner Zola Budd has approved plans for a film of her life and her ill-fated attempts to win international acceptance as a British athlete, a local newspaper reported today.

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May still has chance of playing in first Test

QUETTA, Pakistan, Sept 11, (Reuters): Injured Australian spin bowler Tim May has not been written off for the first Test against Pakistan starting in Karachi on Thursday.

The 24-year-old offspinner dislocated the little finger on his right spinning hand yesterday, disrupting Australia's Test preparations.

But the damage, sustained when May dived to stop a ball in the match against the Governor of Baluchistan's XI, may not be as severe as was first thought.

**Considered**

Coach Bob Simpson said today a decision on whether to ask for a replacement would not be considered until May tried out the hand in the nets tomorrow.

A replacement would only be sought if May was ruled out of the second Test starting on September 23.

Meanwhile, the Governor's XI was 196 for seven in reply to Australia's first innings of 288 for eight declared in the three-day match which will resume tomorrow.

Today was a rest day to mark the 40th anniversary of the death of Pakistan's founder, Mohammed Ali Jinnah.

**Slotted**

Juergen Wegmann took the first goal in the 16th minute, slotting the ball home from 12 metres out after a careful build-up from midfield. Three minutes later, Klaus Augenthaler made it 2-0.

Cushioned by the two-goal lead, Bayern slackened their pace until Wegmann grabbed a second goal in the 75th minute, sparking a lively finish as the home team made sure the 31,000 spectators got their money's worth.

Last week's leaders Bayer Uer-



Police restrain a soccer fan during a scuffle on the pitch at White Hart Lane while Arsenal were playing Tottenham.

(Reuters wirephoto)

## Taunted Gascoigne may have the last laugh

LONDON, Sept 11, (Reuters): Paul Gascoigne, the million-dollar midfielder taunted by soccer fans because he was overweight, may have the last laugh by winning his first England cap this week as manager Bobby Robson begins preparations for the 1990 World Cup.

Gascoigne, transferred from Newcastle to Tottenham for £2 million (£3.44 million) in the close season, enhanced his England claims with an eye-catching goal on his home debut for Tottenham on Saturday — watched by Robson.

Named in England's squad for a friendly against Denmark at Wembley on Wednesday, Gascoigne scored against Arsenal after losing his right boot on the edge of the box. He ran on and steered the ball home with his stocking foot, despite which Arsenal won the First Division clash 3-2.

Yet it was new-look Gascoigne who emerged in front of a capacity 34,000 crowd at Tottenham's White Hart Lane ground, seeking not only to start justifying

his British record transfer fee but also to convince Robson of his worth.

Gascoigne is now trimmed to his best competitive condition of 173 pounds (78.4 kg) and Tottenham manager Terry Venables said: "He lost over a stone (six kg) in weight through training and diet.

"However, he lost it a bit too fast and got weak. Now he's regained his strength, is improving every day, and is back to his old self."

Gascoigne's chances of a first England cap on Wednesday, Venables said: "I think he is good enough and ready."

The Tottenham newcomer had to share the stage with three other England young midfield candidates — Arsenal trio Paul Davies, David Rocastle and Michael Thomas.

The trio are also in Robson's squad to face Denmark in the first stage of the England manager's attempt to rebuild the team that was left in tatters after the European championship final in West Germany last June.

## SPORTS

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## New club

A NEW cricket club, Indian Veterans Cricket Club, was formed over the weekend with S.S.N. Ganju as captain. Teams wanting to play against them can contact P.K. Merwah, the club secretary, on 484731 or 4846883.

## Olympic flame

UNIFICATION OBSERVATORY, South Korea, Sept. 11. (Reuters): A team of runners carried the Olympic flame today to the barbed wire and minefields dividing the Korean peninsula. The torch was borne to this east coast hilltop overlooking the border.

## Olympics chief

SEOUL, Sept. 11. (Reuters): Olympics chief Juan Antonio Samaranch was pushed by British sports officials into offering a controversial wild card Games entry to Sebastian Coe, a Seoul newspaper reported today.

## Kahyasi beaten

PARIS, Sept. 11. (Reuters): English and Irish Derby winner Kahyasi was beaten for the first time in his career when losing by a neck to Fijar Tango in the Group Two Prix Niel horse race at Longchamp today.

## World golf

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 11. (Reuters): The United States looked set to capture the women's World Amateur Team Golf Championship after extending their overnight one-shot lead over Sweden to six shots yesterday.

## European Open

SUNNINGDALE, England, Sept. 11. (Reuters): Ian Woosnam swept remorselessly to the European Open golf title today, re-writing the record books with a superb 65 for a three-shot victory.

## Green ahead

FRANKLIN, Wis., Sept. 11. (Reuters): American Ken Green played a spectacular round of 11-under-par 61 to take a two-stroke lead over Dave Barr of Canada after three rounds of the Greater Milwaukee Open golf tournament yesterday.

## American swimmer

SEOUL, Sept. 11. (Reuters): American swimmer Matt Biondi can forget about equaling compatriot Mark Spitz's record of seven gold medals at one Olympics, according to West German rival Michael Gross. Gross, a double Olympic champion at the 1984 Summer Games, played down Biondi's prospects at a news conference today.

## America's Cup

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Sept. 11. (Reuters): Eight yacht clubs challenged the United States for the America's Cup less than 24 hours after Stars and Stripes successfully defended the trophy. San Diego Yacht Club commodore Doug Alford said yesterday.

## Chinese gymnasts

SEOUL, Sept. 11. (Reuters): China's two top gymnasts said today they would quit after the Olympics and Li Ning, who won three golds at the 1984 Games, hinted he would consider a new career in films. Li and Lou Yun, who also won gold at the Los Angeles Games and took two titles at the 1987 World Championships, said they were tired and felt they should make way for younger Chinese gymnasts.

## WILANDER GETS CHANCE TO BECOME WORLD NO. 1

## Lendl outlasts Agassi for final



Lendl: may break Connors' record

the number one player in the world and a victory today should nail down that record.

Lendl, who will be making his seventh straight US Open final appearance, can also become the first player to win four successive US titles since Bill Tilden won six

from 1920-1925.

"Winning one was great, two was incredible, three was unbelievable and winning four would be better than that," said Lendl who has won 13 of 19 meetings with Wilander, including their last six matches.

"Seven would be better than six," Lendl said of his recent domination of the Swede.

Wilander, who has said he thinks he has earned the number one ranking, is looking forward to the rematch.

"It will be great to play Lendl. I feel like having revenge from last year," said Wilander, who reached the final without having to face a single seeded player.

Agassi, the 18-year-old from Las Vegas, got off to a strong start.

After holding at love to go up 2-1, Agassi drilled a forehand service return down the line to break Lendl at 15 and take a 3-1 lead.

Lendl got the break back in the seventh game but Agassi broke for the set in the 10th game.

He blasted a clean forehand winner for 15-30 and pumped his fists as the crowd went wild. Lendl then double faulted for break point and netted half volley attempt to lose the set.

"André started really well. He was teeing off on everything, but by the beginning of the second set I was serving better and that was the difference," Lendl said.

The next two sets were all Lendl as he broke the American twice in each.

For the first time in the tournament Agassi, who did none of his usual clowning, appeared

nervous and unsure of himself.

"He was just giving things up. It was almost like he was just giving the set away. I don't understand that," said Lendl of the teenager who just two nights earlier had crushed Connors in straight sets.

"He just started playing his game and mine went down a notch," Agassi said.

As the crowd cheered him on, Agassi got back into the match in the fourth set, but by then Lendl was not to be denied.

The top seed's serve was simply awesome in the final set. Lendl won his first three service games at love and lost just three points on serve in the set.

## Contest

Agassi jumped out to a 40-0 lead with a chance to level the set at 5-5, but Lendl ran off the next five points. He ended the contest on his first match point when Agassi went for a forehand winner that landed long and wide.

Although Lendl seems always to have the New York fans rooting against him, he maintains that stadium court here is his favourite court in his favourite tournament.

And there is no lack of motivation for the methodical baseliner as he once again sets out to disappoint his detractors today.

"If I lose I can't be number one anymore," he said.



Sabatini (right) watches Graf hold up the US Open Cup. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Graf goes home to relax before Games

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Sept. 11. (Reuters): Grand Slam champion Steffi Graf returned home almost unnoticed today for a brief rest before heading for the Olympics in Seoul.

Graf, 19, accompanied by her parents, arrived in Frankfurt on an overnight flight from New York, only a few hours after beating Gabriela Sabatini at the US Open women's final.

As Graf waited to retrieve her luggage she signed a few autographs and was cheered by other people at the airport.

"Like it this way," Graf, holding a bouquet, said in reference to the lack of an organised welcoming committee.

Graf said she planned to relax at home for three days before leaving for Seoul, where she will join the West German Olympic tennis team.

**Duel** Yesterday Graf began the match nervously, making two quick unforced errors at the start, but the two teen-agers soon settled into a baseline slugging duel on the stadium court.

Graf, feeling for the touch of her rocket forehand, and Sabatini, searching for depth on her topspin groundstrokes, manoeuvred one another round the court trying to pry open a winning angle to shoot for.

The West German earned the first break of the opening set in the fourth game as errors crept into the Argentine's game, but Sabatini broke right back to make it 3-2.

This time it was Graf who made the errors, sending a forehand wide, another long, and then netting a backhand as the Argentine pressed the attack.

Sabatini held serve to win the set. The only previous set Graf had lost during her Grand Slam run had been to Martina Navratilova, who took the first set of their Wimbledon final.

There would be no more losing sets, however, as the Graf Grand Slam express roared through the third set against a tiring Sabatini.

"I got a little tired at the end of the second set," Sabatini said. "I was slow getting to the ball. I was winded. I tried the best I could but I was too tired. I had a tough match on Friday."

## Crown sail past Asim

CROWN Cricket Club beat Asim Cricket Club by seven wickets in a Pakistan Trophy match at the NC ground on Friday.

Asim batting first scored 183 for the loss of five wickets in their allotted overs. Asim's captain Saeed put in a brilliant performance by hitting an unbeaten century.

## Easy

Asim scored 100 and was given some good support by Kalim who also remained unbeaten-on-38.

Crown, however, found things easy and got the required runs for the loss of only three wickets.

Shahid Butt was the highest scorer with 135. He hit four fours and eleven fours.

Shahid was named Man of the Match.

## Swim classes

SWIMMING classes will start at the Kuwait Hilton Hotel on Sept. 24 for all levels while yoga classes are currently being held. For further information contact the recreation manager.

## RESULTS of the Habra Bridge Club game played on Sunday, N/S

1. Capt Salman & K.T. Simon
2. Jamila & Nahla Akel
3. Narendra Shah & Anwar E/W
1. Dr Fareeh & Samra
2. Dr Omer & M. Michel
3. Mrs Samra & Desmond Pereira

## Madagascar to stay away from Games

## Castro tried to avert Seoul boycott

SEOUL, Sept. 11. (Reuters): Cuban leader Fidel Castro used secret shuttle diplomacy to try to avert a North Korean boycott of the Seoul Games, a top Olympic official said today.

The president of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC), Mario Vazquez Rana, went on a mission to North Korea in June to meet communist leader Kim II Sung.

"Fidel, who is an old friend of mine, asked me to speak to President Kim II Sung in order to help him create the conditions needed for Cuba to go to Seoul," Vazquez Rana, a Mexican, said.

"Cuba has said it will stay away from the Olympics, which start on Saturday, unless North Korea attended."

Vazquez Rana said that although he saw no chance of North Korea taking part, last-minute talks were still going on with Cuba. Elaborate negotiations on North Korea's demands to host the Games have failed.

"If they don't address that problem soon, and then on top of it stay away from Seoul, I don't see how the Olympic committees of the Americas will let them host the 1991 Games."

## Iran shuns 'Miss Olympic Girl'

SEOUL, Sept. 11. (Reuters): A man will march in front of Iranian athletes at the opening and closing ceremonies of the Olympic Games to meet objections about using a woman.

South Koreans dubbed "Miss Olympic Girls" will precede the other teams, carrying a placard with the country's name, at the September 17 and October 2 parades at Seoul's Olympic stadium.

"Iran has specifically asked us to assign a man for their national name board and a man will be in charge of that," a spokeswoman for the parade organisers, Chung

Min-Kyung, said today. No other team had made such a request, she said.

Sources in the Iranian team, which is expected to comprise 28 athletes, said the request was made because of strict principles about using a woman.

Under International Olympic Committee (IOC) rules, organisers can choose the local alphabetical order rather than the usual French alphabetical order which puts Iraq immediately in front of Iran.

South Korean Olympic organisers have also assigned the Iranian and Iraqi teams to well-separated quarters.

## Relay teams

CHIBA, Japan, Sept. 11. (AP): After complaints by Carl Lewis, US sports officials yesterday resolved long unsettled problems of who would be on the men's and women's 400-metre Olympic relay teams.

Men's sprint coach Russ Rogers and women's sprint coach Fred Thompson will both use teams comprised of the first four finishers in the 100-metre dashes at the US Olympic trials at Indianapolis in July.

For the men, that means it will be Lewis, Dennis Mitchell, Calvin Smith and Albert Robinson.

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Warwick drove quite superbly, like Italian Alessandro Nannini, who finished ninth in his Benetton after starting in the pit lane.

## Unchanged

The Briton was 10th on the first lap, but charged through the field with great style and was only 0.8 seconds behind his teammate.

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The next Grand Prix is at Estoril, Portugal, on September 25.

Berger takes the chequered flag. (Reuters wirephoto)

eighth of the season and made virtually certain of his first World Drivers' Championship. He had led from the start and appeared to be cruising to a comfortable win when events conspired against him.

But his hopes were ended as he led the way into the first chicane on the 50th lap of the 51-lap race.

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Berger dedicated the race to Ferrari afterwards as a sea of Italian fans celebrated the team's first "home" win since Jody Scheckter's in 1979 by dancing on the track in front of the victor's rostrum.

Senna, for whom victory would have been his record

His McLaren team-mate and only rival for the title, French-

man Alain Prost, had retired after 34 laps with engine trouble

after lying in second place, leaving Senna a seemingly clear run to the flag.

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